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U.S. "KEEP" OUT WARNING

Important New Defence Measures Announced

GERMANY EXPECTS MASSIVE RAIDS

Germany is being prepared for "massive bombardments" in an expected big-scale British air offensive in the Spring, the independent French news agency correspondent on the German frontier reports.

WAVES OF MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE REICH ARE GETTING THE PEOPLE READY FOR WHAT IS TO COME, THE EVACUATION OF THREATENED TOWNS IS PROCEEDING AHEAD AND TRAINLOADS OF GERMAN CITIZENS ARE ARRIVING DAILY IN AUSTRIA.

The inspection and overhauling of all shelters and the building of new ones has been ordered, even as far as Austria.

German armament industries are increasing orders to factories in occupied territories, notably France, believed safe from R.A.F. attack.

Orders for several hundred million marks are principally for high precision machine-tools, optical instruments, armoured cars and motor-cars.—Reuter.

DARLAN AGAIN IN PARIS

Admiral Darlan arrived in Paris yesterday afternoon: object of his visit is being kept a secret but well-informed quarters in Paris say he will confer once more with Pierre Laval.

Admiral Darlan's first talk on arrival was with the Vichy envoy, the Comte de Brinon.

It is indicated that other subjects than Laval's personal position may be reviewed.

In Admiral Darlan's talk with Marshal Petain and General Huntziger, it was thought the defence aspect of France's relations with Germany must have been considered.

Meanwhile the German-controlled Paris radio has renewed its threatening campaign for closer "collaboration" with Germany.

"It would seem that Franco, distrusting Germany, only makes superficial promises of collaboration with a number of mental reservations," one speaker said.—Reuter.

Pacific Islands And Bases Within New Defence Zones

TWO ENEMY BOMBERS SHOT DOWN

Single German aircraft dropped bombs in East Anglia and at a few places in south and south-east England during daylight yesterday, according to an Air Ministry communique.

These generally did little harm but at two places some damage and casualties were caused.

British fighters destroyed two enemy bombers.—Reuter.

U.S. Navy Chief Cautious

Asked whether it was possible that further United States warships could be transferred to Britain, Admiral Stark, U.S. Navy Chief, told newspapermen in Washington yesterday:

"Not for the moment but what will happen later I cannot tell.

"Trying to legislate for what may happen six months from now is impossible. The world is full of surprises these days."

Earlier Admiral Stark had called at the White House where he conferred with President Roosevelt, but he declined to state the purpose of the visit.

He was accompanied by Rear Admiral Gormley, who visited Britain a few months ago.—Reuter.

A "KEEP OUT" WARNING TO FOREIGN SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT WAS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY IN THE FORM OF AN ORDER AFFECTING AMERICAN NAVAL OUTPOSTS IN THE PACIFIC AND CARIBBEAN.

In effect it warns foreign ships and aircraft to "keep out unless you have the permission of the United States to enter."

The order creates "defensive sea areas" and "air space reservations" which no ships or aircraft except those belonging to the United States may enter without the authority of the Secretary of the United States Navy.

The order becomes effective in 90 days from last Friday.

It will extend naval control of ship and aircraft movements beyond harbours which have previously been declared closed.

New Areas Affected

The newly affected areas extend three nautical miles seaward around Culebra Island, east of Puerto Rico; Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; Kiska and Unalaska Islands, off Alaska; and the Pacific Islands of Palmyra, Johnson, Midway, Wake, Kingman Reef, Rose, Tuvalu and Guam.

Forbidden harbours include the great harbour at Culebra;

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba;
Pearl Harbour, Hawaii;
Guam harbour;
Subic Bay, the Philippines;
Kiska harbour and

The fleet anchorage in the Long Beach-San Pedro area off the Californian coast.—Reuter.

GREECE APPROVES

Greek opinion has received the Turco-Bulgarian pact favourably, judging from comments in yesterday morning's newspapers.

The Athens papers point out that it is emphasised in the declaration that the agreement is "without prejudice to contracted undertakings with regard to other countries."

The declaration, it is added, is governed by the spirit of "good neighbourly" relations and, as the Turkish Foreign Minister stated, it is capable of a further drawing of the Balkans away from undesirable complications.—Reuter.

RAID ON SUEZ CANAL

Enemy planes raided the Suez Canal area early yesterday morning, it is announced in an official communique in Cairo.

Bombs were dropped but there was no damage or casualties.

The communique adds that "alarms were also sounded in certain other eastern parts of Lower Egypt." — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S HIGHER ESTIMATES

A considerable increase in the cost of running certain Government departments appears in the 1941 estimates, in a vote on account presented in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Foreign Office estimates are £834,769, compared with £474,917 for the year ended March 31, 1941.

The Colonial and Dominion Office estimates are up.

India and Burma services are expected to cost £2,180,711 against an estimate for the present year of £2,116,319.

The estimate for broadcasting is, for the coming year, £5,600,000 against £4,700,000.

Token Votes

A number of departments present only token votes for their expenditure, including the Ministries of Aircraft Production, of Economic Warfare, of Shipping and of Supply.

The secret service is represented in a token vote of £100.

The civil and revenue department estimates for the coming year total £534,298,535 compared with £522,542,588 for the year ending March 31. — Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Britain Warned To Prepare For New Rationing Orders

NECESSITY OF CARE WITH SHIPPING

ENORMOUS DAMAGE AT SANTANDER

The fire which devastated Santander is now under control.

First estimates place the damage at £6,250,000.

The Bank of Spain building, though in the middle of the fire area, was undamaged.—Reuter.

REVIEWING BRITAIN'S food situation in the House of Lords yesterday Lord Woolton, the Food Minister, said Britain would have to be ready for much greater restrictions than had yet been experienced but said that though Britain had lost ships and would lose more ships she had not lost command of the seas and would still import.

"We shall," he said, "find the importing capacity of this country reduced because of the care it is necessary for us to take of our ships. Food supplies brought to this country are not in imminent danger of air attack.

"Our port facilities, which have been reduced, will be reduced still further. Our merchant seamen have neither lost their skill, courage nor enterprise. They will bring ships to these shores.

"I believe dock labourers and wharf workers will spare no efforts to see that these ships are unloaded quickly and speedily repaired in shipyards if needs be."

Animal Protein

Stating we had grown luxurious and must be ready for greater restrictions than we had yet experienced, Lord Woolton said: "I may say without undue optimism that our bread position is strong."

Stating that Britain's greatest weakness was animal protein, Lord Woolton continued that in the last war we had considerable supplies of bacon, cheese, eggs and meat from the Low Countries which were not available to us in this war.

"It would be wrong of me not to disclose that I am greatly concerned about the shortage of some of these commodities and particularly cheese," said Lord Woolton.

Referring to certain ships used to take troops to the Mediterranean, which formerly used to bring meat to Britain, Lord Woolton added: "As long as the Mediterranean campaign is on I see no possibility of our getting these ships back or of increasing the meat ration.

Dual Purpose Crops

"But meat is not our only form of food. We have potatoes, we have vegetables, we have oiled fats. We have so much oil in this country that we can go on for a long time.

"We have also milk, and with these things we can get all the energy, food and health we need.

"We have asked farmers to produce those crops which will make our dairy herds and cattle as little dependent on imported food as possible, beans, kale and dual purpose crops.

"Carrots have become part of the national diet, while our supplies of fruit, either home grown or from other countries, will not be more than 50 per cent of what they have been in the past, and therefore the importance of the carrot is very clear to those who are considering problems connected with vitamins in the national diet.

The Onion

"The Ministry of Agriculture has arranged for the planting of 30,000 acres of carrots this year.

"I do not know whether onions are part of the national diet or not but their scarcity has at any rate provided a national joke.

"I have asked for the planting of 14,000 acres of onions."

"Dealing with the maintenance of existing stocks of pigs, poultry and cattle, Lord Woolton said it was very important that we should not attempt to maintain more cattle in Britain than we could successfully feed.

Powdered Milk

In conclusion he remarked that he had arranged for the importation of all the powdered milk we could get from overseas, and we were holding in Britain powdered milk so that in the event of an emergency we would be able to secure the supply of milk to the public.

It had also been decided to bring oranges to Britain to the greatest extent of our capacity.—Reuter.

GIRL OF 15 TIED UP GRANDMA

A special constable saw a girl of fifteen loitering in shop doorways at Woolwich, London, S.E., and asked her name.

She refused to tell him but said, "Take me to my granny. She needs me. I left her tied up."

This story was told at Southwark (London, S.E.) Juvenile Court when the girl, tall, slim with a mass of frizzy hair and big brown eyes, was remanded for a psychologist's report. An order for care and protection was sought against her.

Special Constable Frederick Haley said he saw the girl at 1.55 a.m. on Monday.

He went with the girl to the grandmother's house and found a very feeble old woman huddled in front of the fire, with a blanket wrapped round her.

"When the old lady began to give me her name," said the officer, "the girl became furious and flew at her granny, telling her to shut her mouth or she would gag her."

"She produced one end of a long length of 3in. upholstery webbing from her grandmother's side.

"The other end was round the old lady's legs."

Threw Lighted Matches

The grandmother said to the officer: "Take her away. My life is in danger. She has been lighting matches while I was bound and throwing them at me."

The girl then picked out a lump of burning coal from the fire and threw it on her grandmother's blanket.

"It was too hot for me to handle and I ordered her to pick it up," said the officer.

She did so, and put it back in the fire, saying she had not burned her fingers.

The grandmother, who is seventy-one, was helped into court, her back almost doubled. She said that the girl had lived with her since May.

Her mother ran away with a man and left her with her three sisters and brother when they were very young.

"At times the girl is as good as gold," said the grandmother, "but other times she is extremely obstinate and a bit of a brute. This was the second time she tied me up."



Members of the Polish Air Force, these men of a Polish squadron of the R.A.F. fought the enemy over their own country and afterwards continued the fight in France with the Armée de l'Air. They were formed into an R.A.F. operational squadron only a few months ago but quickly obtained fame, for in the month of September they shot down a record bag of 109 enemy aircraft, including 10 Dorniers and 3 Mes 109 definitely destroyed, and two more Dorniers and two more Mes probably destroyed, in a single day. Their total tally of raiders is now over 126. This squadron is led by British flight commanders and a major of the Polish Air Force. Photo shows two ace Polish pilots with F/Lt. J. A. Kent, A. F. C. and newly awarded the D.F.C., one of the British flight commanders. (Copyright, Fox).

FOUGHT IN BLAZING 'PLANE: V.C.

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT James Brindley Nicolson, who refused though wounded, to jump from a blazing Hurricane till he had destroyed his enemy, has been awarded the V.C.

This is the thirteenth V.C. of the war, and the first to be awarded to a fighter pilot.

Nicolson, who is twenty-three, is one of the tallest pilots in the R.A.F.—he is 6ft. 4in. His father, who lives in Buckingham Road, Shoreham, Sussex, was an airman in the last war.

The exploit which won him the V.C. was his first fight.

He was out on patrol with his squadron, No. 249, over the Southampton area in the afternoon of August 16 when he was detailed to chase a Junkers 88.

"Manners, You Hun."

Suddenly four cannon shells from a Messerschmidt 110 tore into his plane. He was wounded in the foot and left eye. His spare petrol tank exploded, setting his plane on fire.

Then he found that the Messerschmidt had overtaken him and was right on his gun sight. As both planes dived at about 400 m.p.h. he pressed his gun button. "When I saw the Messerschmidt in front of me, I remember shouting out, 'I'll teach you some manners, you Hun,'" he said later. "I am glad I got him. I did not think of anything at that time but to shoot him down."

Pretended To Be Dead

"Curiously enough, although the heat inside must have been intense, in the excitement I did not feel much pain. In fact, I remember watching the skin being burnt off my left hand. All I was concerned about was keeping the throttle open to get my first Hun."

The Messerschmidt zigzagged, trying to avoid the stream of fire, but in vain. Eye-witnesses saw it crash into the sea.

Nicolson then baled out. As he floated down another German fighter screamed past, and he pretended he was dead.

After fifty minutes in the air at the end of his parachute he landed a quarter of a mile inland.

"Sorry Darling"

He was suffering agonies of pain, but to the people who came to his help he insisted on dictating a telegram. It was to his wife, and said:

"Sorry. Shot down, darling. Slight injuries. All my love, Nic."

Those "slight injuries" were so serious that doctors had to fight

for his life for forty-eight hours, but he has now almost recovered. Nicolson's wife, who lives at Kirkby Wharfe, Yorkshire, gave birth to a son a month after the fight.

"Important Baby"

She proudly displayed to a reporter the tattered tunic and charred boots of her husband, and said:

"I could not kiss him and tell him how delighted I was about the V.C. because he is still in hospital in the south of England."

"So when I heard about it I rushed home and kissed baby. I just said, 'You are the most important baby in the world to-day.' He laughed and chuckled, as though he knew all about it."

76—CARRIED ON IN 3 WARS

"I've served my customers through three wars, never failed them once, so why should I let a few bombs upset me?"

"Mind you, I'm not brave. I don't like them, but I shall carry on."

That's what seventy-six-year-old Miss Fanny Orage, Clapham, London, news-seller, has to say about the blitz.

The windows and doors of her little shop, which she has run for fifty-seven years, have been blown in; many of her customers have gone into the country; and the church in which she sang as a chorister has been bombed.

"That man Hitler! If I had a revolver I'd shoot him for what he's done to me!" this frail little woman told a reporter.

But though bombs may scream down, the guns roar, and shell fragments rattle on the roof, Miss Orage gets up just the same at 4 a.m. to receive her morning papers and sort them ready for her newsboys.

"A woman of my age must keep calm and carry on, even if it's just to set an example to other folks," she said.

NURSE WAS KIND TO HER—£13,000

Because she was kind to her employer a nurse, Mrs. May Mackenzie, is to receive nearly the whole of the £13,000 estate left by Miss Ann Elizabeth Hopkinson, of Canadian Avenue, Catford, S.E., who was over ninety when she died.

This was stated in the Probate Court when Mr. Justice Bucknill pronounced in favour of a will made by Miss Hopkinson in June, 1937.

It left everything to Mrs. Mackenzie, of Catford, except £500 to the ex-Servicemen's Welfare Society and a small sum to the executor.

Mr. H. W. Barnard, K.C., who asked the Court to find in favour of the will, explained that Miss Hopkinson had previously left money to a number of charities.

There was no doubt that Miss Hopkinson became devoted to Nurse Mackenzie.

Beneficiaries under a previous will had sought to say that Miss Hopkinson was not of sound mind, memory, or understanding when she made the June (1937) will, but they had now withdrawn their opposition.

Mr. P. F. Morant, the family solicitor, told the Judge that Miss Hopkinson, although she was eighty-nine, knew perfectly well what she was doing.

Remarking that he did not know why the will should ever have been contested, Mr. Justice Bucknill said: "Mere age is no bar to making a will. One knows of people of this old lady's age who are now in active work."

IMMORALITY IN SHELTERS

Immorality in London's public air-raid shelters, particularly during the "All clear" periods, is growing, according to the observers of the Public Morality Council.

"Even in crowded shelters during night raids there are opportunities for immorality in dimly-lit corners," the Council's secretary, Mr. G. Tomlinson, said.

The Council is appealing to the Commissioner of Police for a twenty-four-hour watch on the shelters and the provision of more policemen and police-women.

"There is no doubt that the evil is growing and it must be stamped out as quickly as possible," Mr. Tomlinson said.

"Our observers are preparing a report, which will be placed before the Commissioner of Police. It makes distasteful reading.

"In the Hyde Park area we have evidence that there is a good deal of soliciting and prostitution going on in the daytime."

KEEPING OPEN OUR LIFE-LINES

Mr. A.V. Alexander On The Effort Of The Navy

Vast Expansion Of Escort Ships

"THE VERY HEART OF OUR STRUGGLE IS KEEPING OPEN OUR LIFE-LINES TO THE WORLD AND ESPECIALLY TO THE UNITED STATES," DECLARED MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, IN A BROADCAST REVIEW FROM LONDON YESTERDAY OF THE NAVY'S WORK.

The construction of every type of escort vessel, he said, was being speeded up to the full and Britain's shipbuilding capacities were being employed to the full.

"We shall take full advantage of what the United States and the Dominions can do as regards the construction of merchant shipping."

PORTUGUESE HURRICANE DEATH ROLL

It is now known that the number of deaths in the Portuguese cyclone exceeds 100.

Three hundred fishing vessels were destroyed in the port of Sessibra alone, says Reuter from Lisbon.

MEETS THE OLD SOLDIERS

Old soldiers greeted General Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief, India, when he attended a Soldiers' Board meeting at Bulanshahr yesterday.

Replying in Urdu to an address of welcome (in which it was stated that under General Auchinleck's leadership India would take a full share in the struggle), the Commander-in-Chief said the British Navy, Army and Air Force were undefeated.

The Air Force was daily gaining in strength, the enemy in Africa was routed and victory was certain.

He added he had seen many Indian soldiers in the Sudan. They were cheerful and well looked after.

He expressed pleasure at the Board's assistance in raising recruits.

The meeting was followed by a demonstration of the manoeuvrability and striking power of tanks on which the old soldiers were invited.—Reuter.

100 YEARS IN HOME STILL DOES HOUSEWORK

Mrs. Mary Ann Gunns has lived in the tiny village of Stow Bridge, Norfolk, where she was born, for 100 years. She has never left it. Her 100th birthday celebrations yesterday did not interfere with her household duties. Without assistance she keeps house for a son and a grandson, and even does their washing.

N.Z. ENTERS INTO DIPLOMACY

The United States and New Zealand have decided to exchange diplomatic representatives. Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, announced at a press conference in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.



SCENE ON BOARD A DESTROYER — Looking down the muzzles of 4.7" after they have been sponged out. (Copy-right, Fox).

KILLED MOTHER OUT OF MERCY

"YOU DID KILL your mother?" Mr. Justice Wrottesley, at the Old Bailey asked a City of London A.R.P. worker. "Yes," was the answer.

The man, James Miller, forty-five, of Durant Street, Bethnal Green, said he thought it all wrong that a tiny, frail old woman of seventy-five should be "dragged round to shelters," so he strangled her with a piece of wireless cord to end her suffering.

Miller was found guilty but insane and ordered to be detained during the King's pleasure. Mr. G. B. McClure, prosecuting said Miller's wife and two children had been evacuated from London and Miller was living next door to his mother and two brothers.

On October 18 Miller went to Old Street Police Station and told an officer: "You had better take me in, governor. I have just done my old woman in." In the box Miller said his A.R.P. job as a rescue and demolition worker caused him to see gruesome sights and he gradually became depressed.

His mother spent her nights at various Tube stations.

On the morning of the tragedy his mother complained about having to sit on the stairs, had lost her attaché case and said she could not stand it much longer.

Mr. McClure: You thought that what you did was right?—Yes, sir. I thought I was relieving all her suffering, that is all.

sure and relief.

"The Navy is now carrying out similar operations in support of our South African troops and the Air Force units who have penetrated Italian Somaliland, have already captured Kismayu and are pressing northward. — Reuter.

ELECTROCUTED IN HIS RAID SHELTER

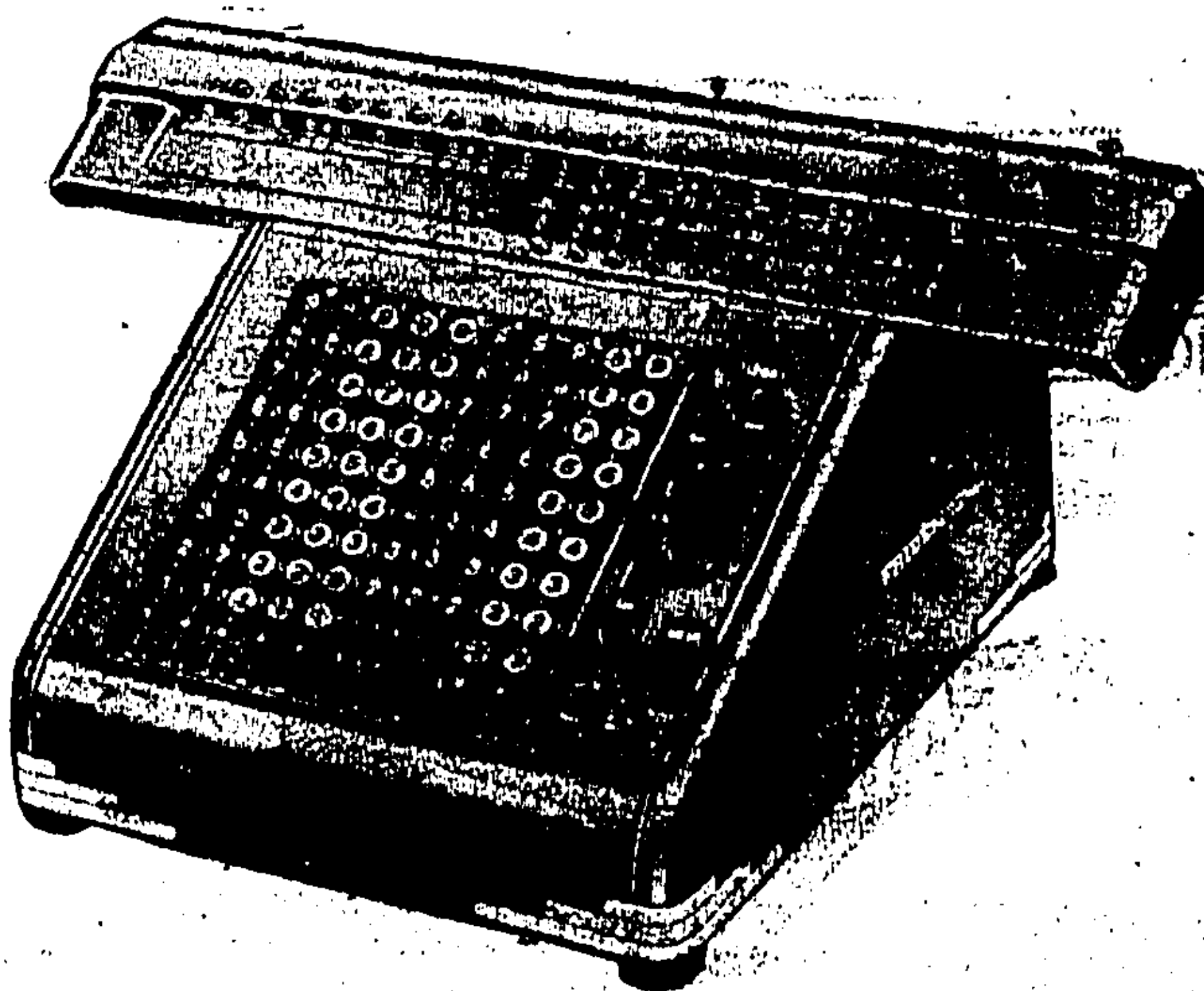
George Richard Shirley, aged thirty-five, a papermaker, of Priory Close, Dartford, Kent, was electrocuted in his air-raid shelter during the night when he went to lift a metal electric table lamp which was connected by a lead to the house.

Hearing his cries, Mrs. Doris Shirley ran into the shelter and found her husband lying on the floor dead.

When she went to take the lamp from his hand she, too, received a shock. In her attempts to let go the lamp she broke the lead, thus disconnecting the current.

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ALLEGATIONS OF A DRIFT TOWARDS THE INFLATION "SPIRAL"

THE GOVERNMENT'S intention to parry the dangers of inflation was again emphasised in Parliament yesterday.

Sir Patrick Hannon, who is a prominent company director, asked whether the Premier had considered a letter from the President of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce "emphasising the drift towards inflation owing to wage increases being followed by a rise in commodity prices."

Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal, replied that the Premier had received the letter referred to and had arranged that the Association have an opportunity of stating their views more fully to the Ministers concerned.

Government were impressed with the dangers of inflation and since the outbreak of war had taken action in a variety of ways to prevent any uncontrolled rise in basic prices.

It would be quite wrong to regard every increase in prices, whatever its nature and scope, as potentially inflationary, but close attention was paid to all significant movements of prices with a view to applying appropriate checks in good time if a dangerous tendency developed. — Reuter.

NEW PAPER-THIN STEEL FOR PLANES

America is almost ready to produce in quantity a new, paper-thin, high-tensile stainless steel, which, it is said, will "revolutionise" construction of aircraft in the United States.

This change from present aluminium alloy construction will be about as complete a change in plane construction as was the world war shift from wood and cloth to all-metal machines.

The new high-tensile steel is said to be thinner than paper. A strip of it hanging limply looks like tinfoil, but it has a tensile strength of 185,000lb. to the square inch.

According to steel officials, it is three times as strong as the aluminium alloy now used in aeroplane making.

These officials claim that the new product will not rust, that it is not affected by the degree of heat at which aluminium melts and that it is twice as difficult to bend as duralumin.

It has more than double the tensile strength of the stainless steel from which a few years ago the Budd Manufacturing Company built an all-steel aeroplane—which they flew all over the United States and Europe in exhibition tests.

However, the new steel is expensive, costing about £200 a ton, or about double the cost of aluminium. But quantity production would bring the price down.

It is understood that some of the pontoons on recent Navy planes have been made of this steel. — Reuter.

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SAILOR SHOT AS AN EXAMPLE

HALF OF THE CREW OF THE FRENCH BATTLESHIP RICHELIEU REFUSED TO FIGHT GENERAL DE GAULLE WHEN HE ATTEMPTED A LANDING AT DAKAR ON SEPTEMBER 24, AND LATER, ONE MEMBER WAS SHOT "AS AN EXAMPLE."

This was revealed when Floyd Stokes, an American seaman, reached Cape Town after being stranded in Dakar for sixteen weeks.

When the bombardment of Dakar began, he said, his ship was trapped between the warships and another ship. The crew deserted to a man, seeking shelter outside the town.

French warships used Allied and neutral merchantmen as a screen against the Free French and British warships.

The French authorities, he declared, have seized a number of Allied and neutral ships at Dakar. — Associated Press.

PORTABLE SHELTERS FOR BUSES

Portable shelters, which can be placed upon the pavement, "as and when circumstances require," are mentioned in a letter sent by the London Passenger Transport Board to the Wandsworth Borough Emergency Committee.

The Transport Board state that these shelters are being manufactured following a request from the Government that some temporary shelter be provided for travellers, particularly those who have need to take advantage of the emergency bus services.

Wandsworth have replied, offering all possible facilities for the erection of the shelters.

M.P. IN LEAKY SHELTER

By the light of candles and a hurricane lamp, which they clubbed together to buy, women and children of a street in Lambeth, London, S.E., sit huddled together through the night in their air raid shelter.

When it rains the water seeps through the roof, and in one spot the leak is so bad that a woman had to sleep under an umbrella.

These conditions were described by Mr. G. R. Strauss, Labour M.P. for Lambeth North.

He had been approached by a deputation of women, who begged him to do what he could to alter things.

Commons Question

"I went to see this shelter myself," Mr. Strauss said, "and I was disgusted to find it so bad. The landlords of the property are the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. They erected the shelter and others in Mitre Street and in the neighbouring Ufford Street.

"There is no electric lighting in any of them. But this particular one is the worst. It leaks as well."

"I am going to ask a question in the House of Commons on the subject. These conditions must be remedied."

"It is no joke, sitting through-out the night with rain coming in and only candles brought by the thirty odd people who use the shelter as light."

"The people have clubbed together and bought a hurricane lamp, but the shelter is still dimly lit."

LITTLE BO-PEEP GROWS WINGS

Two R.A.F. flying instructors who were practising take-offs and landings at their training school were asked by a local farmer if they would try and locate some of his sheep which had strayed.

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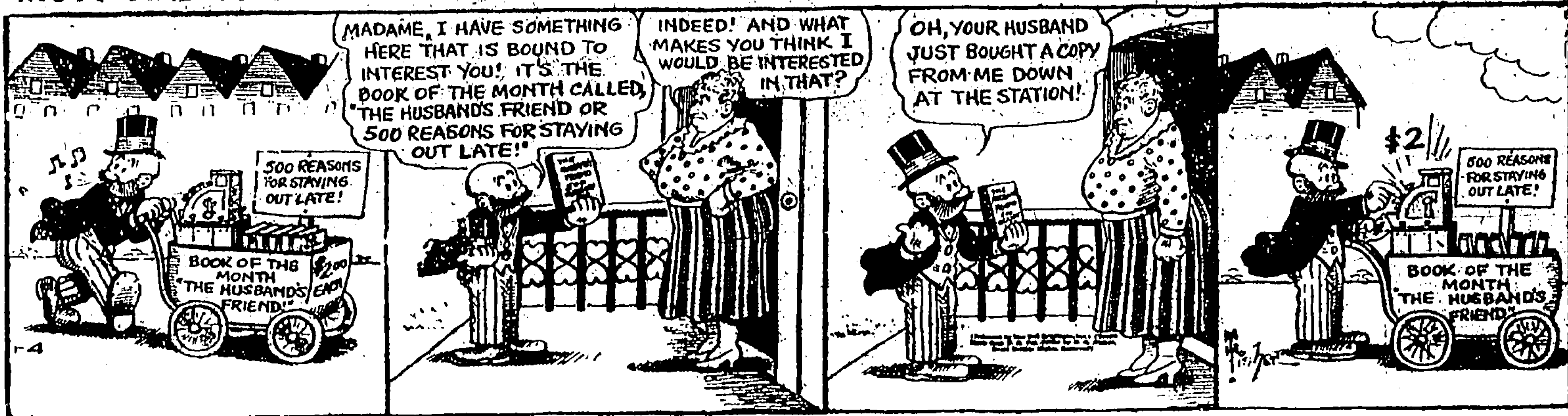
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M.P. AND CONCHIE INQUIRY

Allegations that people who could have given evidence at an inquiry into the treatment of conscientious objectors had been "spirited away" were mentioned in the House of Commons.

Major Milner (Soc., Leeds, E.E.) told Sir Edward Grigg, Financial Secretary to the War Office:

"It has been suggested that some people who might have been witnesses have been spirited away."

He asked if the names of the witnesses at the inquiry could be published.

Sir Edward said he would look into the matter.

Earlier, Sir Edward told Mr. Giennil Hall (Soc., Colne Valley) that the court of inquiry had met in private and heard evidence from individuals who are alleged to have received ill-treatment. The court was now preparing its report.

Mr. Hall suggested that it was unsatisfactory that the inquiry was held in private.

Sir Edward replied that there was no reason to direct suspicion against those conducting the inquiry. There were objections to holding such an inquiry in public.

WAR WORK FOR 500,000 WOMEN

(By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

EVERY UNEMPLOYED woman in the country will be given the chance of training as a munition worker under a new Ministry of Labour scheme to put 500,000 women into the arms industry. They will get the same pay and allowances as men while training.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, referring to the scheme in Parliament said he would tell employers of the need for giving as many jobs as possible to women.

"The demands of the armed Forces for men," said Mr. Bevin, "are already becoming so great that it is manifest that women must be employed in all forms of production in ever-increasing numbers."

The only initial qualifications for women trainees will be average intelligence and physical fitness. There is no age bar.

Even grandmothers may apply so long as they are hale and hearty.

"We need 500,000 women for our armament factories by next August," Miss Caroline Haslett, Adviser to the Minister of Labour in the training and employment of women, told a reporter.

"The scheme will absorb almost the whole of the large number of

unemployed women of all ages.

"Women accepted for training courses of eight weeks' duration will be sent to technical colleges and engineering works in London and the provinces," she added.

"One of the most important points in the scheme is that the women will receive the same payment and allowances as men get while in training."

What They Will Get

"For the first time it has been recognised that women may have elderly relations to support just as men may have."

Girls aged eighteen to twenty will receive 20s. a week if training locally, plus an allowance of 15s. for an adult dependant upon them.

If they go away to train, they will get a lodging allowance, 5s. pocket money and 30s. for an adult dependant.

Women over twenty-one will get 24s. per week, plus 15s. a week for an adult dependant if training locally.

When training away from home they will get a lodging allowance, usually 19s. a week, plus 7s. pocket money and 30s. for an adult dependant.

Unemployed women are urged by the Ministry to register for the scheme at once.

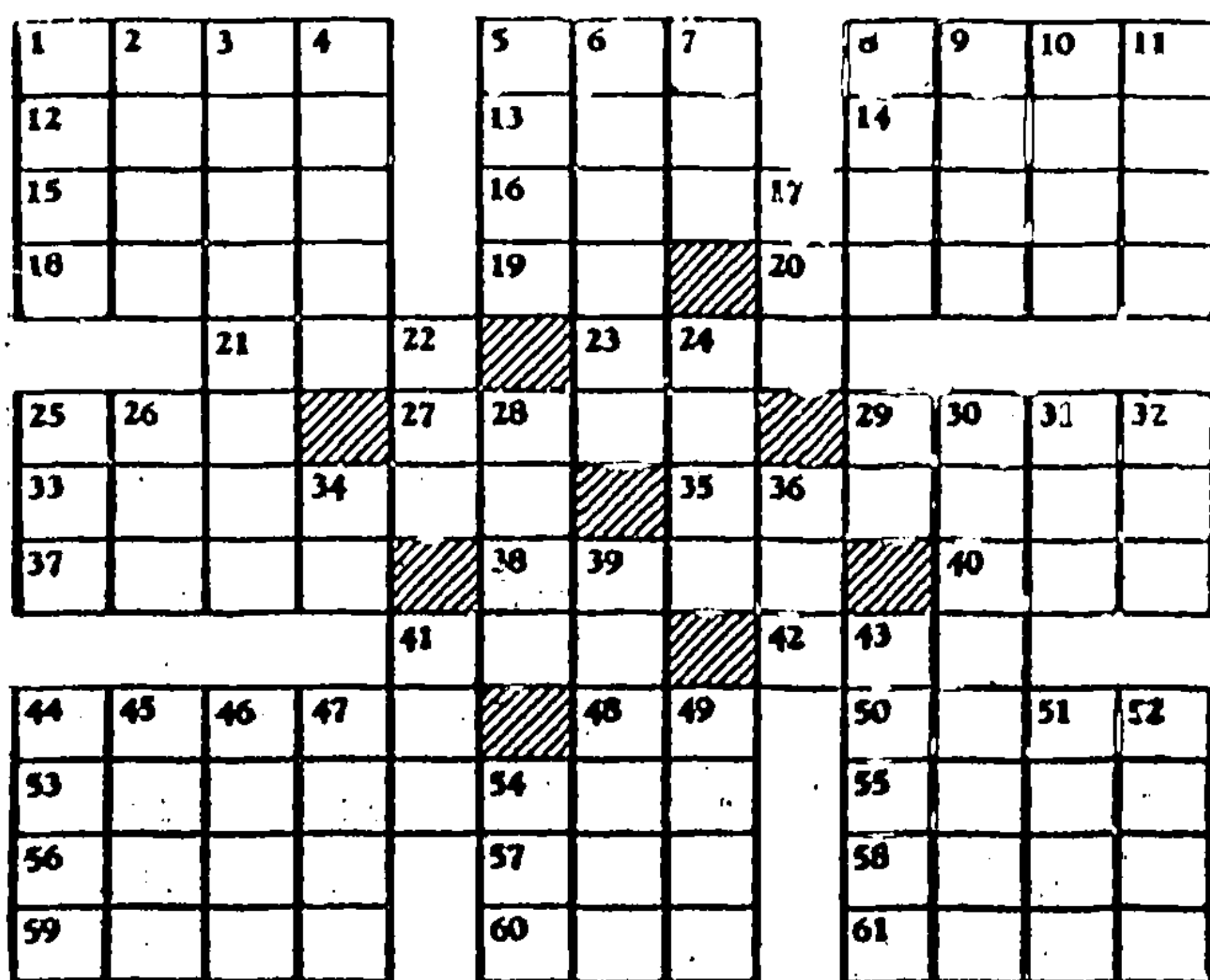
Training courses will start very soon, and a continual stream of Britain's new armament workers will be taken into the munition works during the next few months.

The pay which these women are being offered is likely to be raised in a question in Parliament soon.

While these women are being trained they will be kept by the Government, given 7s. a week pocket money, AND ANY ADULT DEPENDANTS WILL RECEIVE AN ALLOWANCE OF 30s. PER WEEK.

When the men they are releasing take their places in the ranks of the Army their adult dependants will receive from the Government 18s. a week plus a compulsory allotment from the serving man's pay of 7s. a week, making 25s. in all.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 To abound
- 5 Slender finial
- 8 Dog's name
- 12 River in the Crimea
- 13 Downcast
- 14 Siberian river
- 15 Filamentous structure
- 16 Preliminary draft of a treaty
- 18 Pitcher handle
- 19 Archaic: you
- 20 Wing-like
- 21 Pigeon
- 23 To sleep
- 25 Palm leaf
- 27 Heraldic device
- 29 The dill
- 33 To scan
- 35 Elf
- 37 States
- 38 Coral grass
- 40 Scoundrel
- 41 Portuguese title
- 42 Mulberry
- 44 Swiftly
- 46 Colloquial: father
- 50 Burden
- 53 Unmarried man
- 55 Spanish cooking pot

VERTICAL

- 56 Italian coins
- 57 King of Judah
- 58 German river valley
- 59 Biblical garden
- 60 Number
- 61 Serf

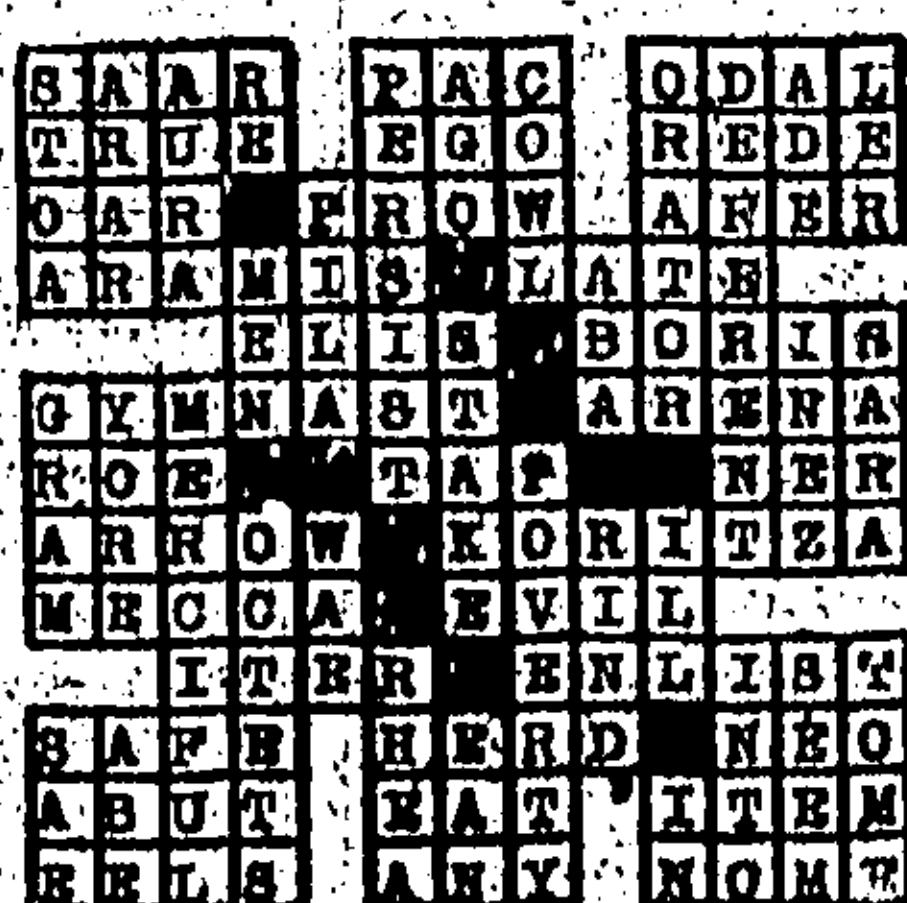
2 Dash

- 3 Agency
- 4 French Revolutionary leader
- 5 To discover
- 6 Father
- 7 Artificial language
- 8 Jester
- 9 Peruvian Indian

10 Means of access

- 11 Nothing but
- 17 To knock lightly
- 22 Affirmative
- 24 Norse galley
- 25 Goddess of the harvest
- 26 Meadow
- 28 Roman emperor
- 29 Land measure
- 30 Bishop of Myra
- 31 Greek letter
- 32 To spread for drying
- 34 You and me
- 36 Edible seed
- 38 To levy
- 41 River in England
- 43 Near-by
- 44 Competent
- 45 Rewarded
- 46 Land measure
- 47 Genus of geese
- 48 Islands off Ireland
- 51 Russian wolfhound
- 52 To challenge
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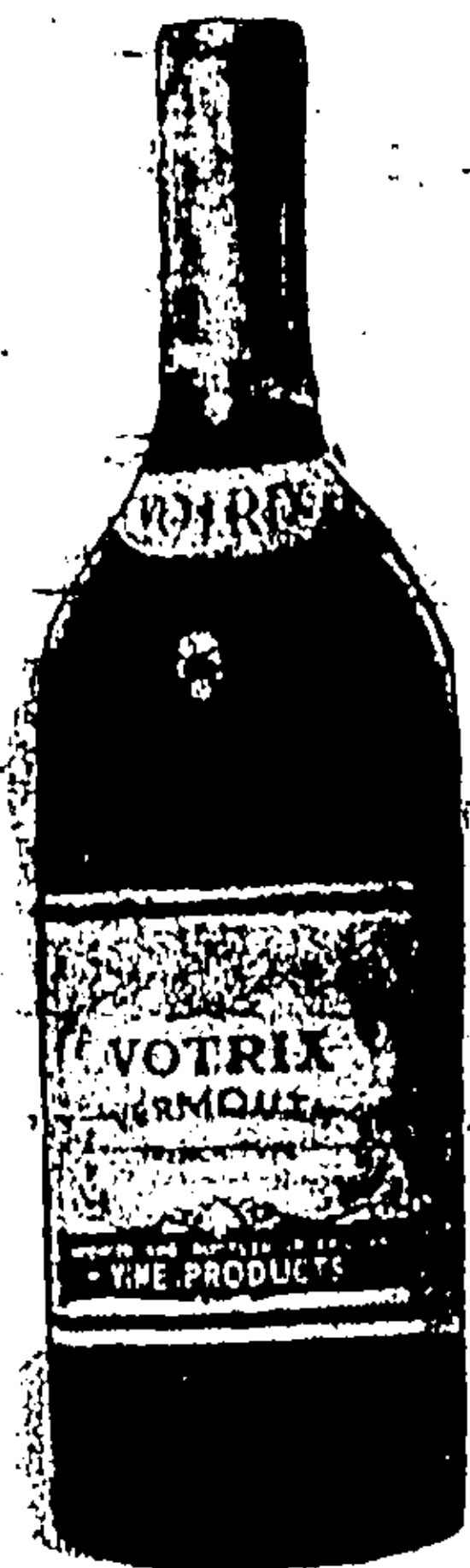
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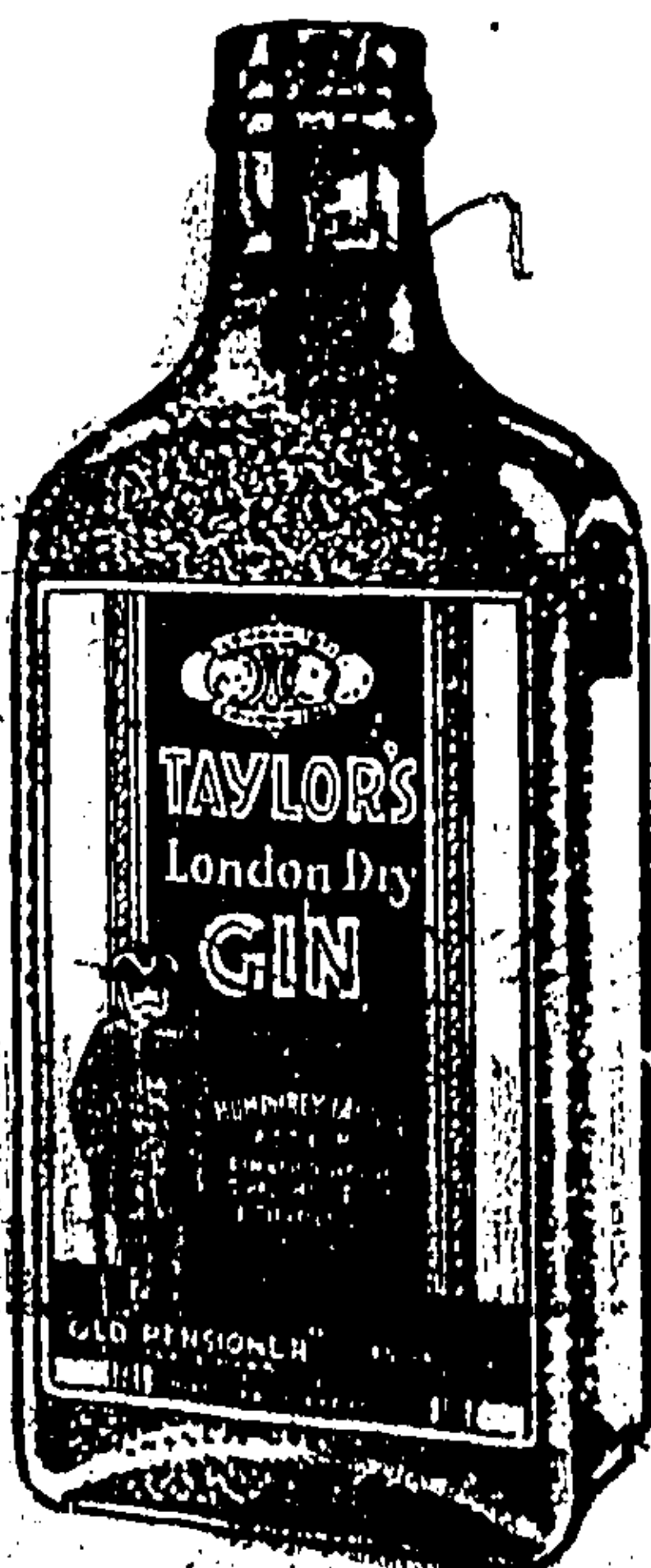
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HITLER PAYS DEARLY IN THE "BLOCKADE"

(By A NAVAL CORRESPONDENT)

A BATTLE HAS BEEN RAGING FOR MORE THAN HALF A YEAR OF WHICH WE HAVE HEARD LITTLE OR NOTHING, APART FROM THE BARE TOTAL OF LOSSES THAT WE OURSELVES HAVE SUFFERED.

It is an odd position, but this one-sided view of the naval struggle in the Atlantic is all but inevitable. So much of what we would like to say about our own strokes of good fortune and of the good work done by our men out there would be helpful to the enemy, if he could but get hold of the information.

The battle of the Atlantic is Hitler's desperate effort to enforce his "total blockade" of Britain. Heavily defeated in his lightning stroke with the U-boat attack on our seaborne trade at the outset of the war, he had to abandon the campaign for several months while the utterly unexpected losses in his submarine flotillas were made good.

The Menace From The Air

Attempts during last winter to make mines an alternative and equally effective element in the blockade were also defeated by us, and he quickly realised how hollow were Goering's pre-war boasts that the Luftwaffe would speedily stop all traffic to British ports.

Neither on the sea nor in the ports has the German Air Force seriously affected the naval side of the war.

Accordingly, last May, when new U-boats began to come into service, Hitler reverted to the Tirpitz methods of unrestricted submarine war. He had the luck, which the Kaiser's Navy never had, to seize naval bases much nearer to the Atlantic traffic lanes. He broke out of the "Wet Triangle" of the Heligoland Bight. Ever since then the weekly totals of tonnage sunk have been serious. They have fluctuated for reasons to be discussed later, but the average of the six months is a big figure.

Those who only see the individual weekly returns may not have realised just the size of the inroads made on the world's sea-carrying capacity, so it may be well to give a tabulation, corrected by Admiralty figures, of the losses for six months.

Weekly Losses

Week ending	British tons	Total World tons
June 1 to December 1, 1940		
June 2	85,614	110,195
9	45,905	82,908
16	53,115	115,199
23	91,370	174,775
30	30,377	51,339
July 7	75,833	114,137
14	40,469	72,649
21	37,577	58,368
28	65,601	72,691
Aug. 4	73,185	88,251
11	32,257	46,639
18	41,175	55,388
25	108,404	117,814
Sept. 1	62,921	94,898
8	44,975	77,289
15	55,153	75,107
22	145,036	172,467
29	56,096	72,506
Oct. 6	30,886	40,315
13	52,668	83,563
20	154,279	205,781
27	9,986	18,443
Nov. 3	65,609	71,012
10	69,110	87,963
17	57,977	74,876
24	80,428	92,841
Dec. 1	41,360	52,229

Better Than In 1917

This gives us in round figures a total world loss of some 2,379,000 tons for the six months. The figure for the first six months of the unrestricted campaign in 1917 was 3,394,000, approximately a million more tons than the Nazi effort has achieved.

The Prime Minister's word for the losses in his speech to the Commons was "disquieting," and no one will attempt to minimise the drain on the world's shipping that is repre-

sented by a weekly average of sinkings of 88,000 tons.

The table, however, throws an interesting light on the ebb and flow of the battle of the Atlantic. It will be seen that in every

month there is one outstanding week and at least one (occasionally two) when the total falls to about half the general average.

This fluctuation was also a characteristic of the 1917 attacks, and the meaning of it, as we discovered then, is that only a proportion of the U-boat captains are really competent, and that the periods when these few men are back in harbour, resting and refitting, are comparatively quiescent.

1 In 10 Dangerous

The official German history of the last U-boat campaign listed twenty "aces" and some twenty-five "next best" among the commanding officers. Allowing for men killed on service and replaced by promoted first officers, there were about 450 captains engaged throughout the war. One in ten of them was really dangerous to our shipping.

And, as further evidence of their skill, it may be pointed out that only three of the twenty "aces" were eliminated—one by an accident at sea, one by the destruction of his boat, and one by capture. The "dog-fox" in submarine warfare well deserved the nickname given to him by our hunting flotillas.

The solution of the problem, now as then, is multiplication of the number of hunting craft. It is true that modern detector apparatus has to some extent eased the work of locating the submerged vessel, but against that the area in which the Germans can work is far more extensive now, owing to the fact that they can start their operations from the occupied ports on the Bay of Biscay, and so save the 3,000 mile trek round the North of Scotland from the German bases.

A Comforting Estimate

It is not yet permissible to disclose the scene of all their attacks, but indications of some localities have been given, since the information was already known publicly in neutral countries. And it is evident that our hunting has to be done over a much wider field than in 1917.

Have we had any success?

Only two Admiralty bulletins have referred to this side of the battle in the past six months. From them we know of nine German submarines sunk in the Atlantic; of some Italians we have inkings in the issue of names of prisoners of war. But that is nothing like the whole of the story.

The average monthly destruction of enemy craft was between five and six in 1917-1918. In the autumn of last year it was higher than that, for Mr. Churchill admitted that the rate of sinking was between two and four a week. If we have doubled our 1917 rate in these past months we have, as I calculate it, removed seven-tenths of the additional U-boats that Hitler threw into the battle between May and August.

If we keep up that rate of destruction, we are equal to his probable rate of replacement. That is a comforting thought—even though it is entirely unofficial.

"JERRY IS FOXY"

"Why the so-and-so don't you answer?" bawled the bomber pilot to his radio operator.

He forgot the microphone, which carried his curse to the operations room behind. They were checking over the equipment before taking off for a night raid in Cologne.

In the operations room everybody laughed at the pilot's language—including the King, who, as Marshal of the R.A.F., had come to take part in the night's work at the station.

Arriving early on the airfield the King, it was revealed, stayed to cross-examine the pilots as they came home minus their bombs.

Throughout his visit work went on normally. He walked into the "briefing" room and heard the intelligence officer giving the crews their instructions.

Not So Hot Now

"Your target is not an easy one to find," said the officer, giving details of cloud conditions and of the German defences.

"Cologne used to be considered a very hot spot, but it is not so bad now."

Then the King walked into the crews' room, where the men change into flying kit, and heard them being given last minute instructions.

"Make two runs over your target. You'll have to decide for yourselves what height you will bomb from, and what type of attack you'll make."

The crews went out to the big Wellingtons waiting on the tarmac while the King went to "Ops" and heard the pilots get their "fixes" (a check of position and course).

While the bombers were over Germany he dined in the officers' mess, took a whisky and soda in the sergeants' mess, studied the maps and charts.

At midnight the first bomber came in, and the young squadron leader gave his report, while his crew crowded round.

"Were you able to drop your bombs on the target?" asked the King.

"Yes, sir. The weather wasn't good, and we had nine-tenths cloud."

"But I managed to pick up a bend in the Rhine which gave me my direction, and I made my two runs over the target, unloading on the railway marshalling yards."

"Was there much opposition?"

"Well, sir, Jerry is still playing foxy. There were no searchlights, no flak until I dropped my bombs. Then fourteen or fifteen lights came on making a cone in the sky, and Jerry chucked everything up from the A.A. guns to the apex of the cone."

To Berlin, Too

When the squadron leader told the King that he had made twenty-three flights over Germany the King asked: "Have you been to Berlin?"

"Oh yes, sir, I know that place quite well."

The crews of two other bombers which had been over enemy invasion ports were having coffee and smoking cigarettes while their comrades made their report.

The King chatted to several of these men—"make-learns," who had just made their first operational flight over enemy territory.

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"CONFUSIONISM"

In a dispatch from Belgrade to "The Times" a few days ago there appeared this comment: "The Berlin correspondent of the semi-official Vreme wrote to-day that high German circles were declaring that Germany has been 'leading journalists on' with rumours of impending trouble in the Balkans, so that now they had lost their orientation and had no idea where the expected 'decisive' blow from Germany was going to fall."

This is a good example of the new technique of propaganda developed to a high art by the Nazis. It consists of spreading half a dozen different rumours to confound the enemy, of turning the other cheek while preparing to slay the bemused, of displaying coyness and an accommodating spirit that glove a murderous intent. It might be called the technique of "confusionism."

"Confusionism" played a very real part in the downfall of France before and during the German armed attack. It is being used on France to-day with a devilish disregard of human feelings but with the same singleness of purpose that has carried Nazism thus far. The Vichy Government is told that some of the many French prisoners will be released; then the announcement is found to have been premature. The frontier between occupied and unoccupied France is opened a little; then it is closed tight. Rumours are spread that the British people hate the French and care nothing about suffering humanity. Classes are played off, one against another. A brand of socialism is offered to workers; a brand of capitalism is offered to employer; "security" is offered to civil employees—all, of course, depending upon the defeat of Britain.

The method stops at nothing in audacity and gall in relations with the non-Nazi world. It permits the occupiers of The Hague, seized in violation of The Hague Convention of 1907, to wave that pact in a mighty outburst of factitious umbrage against the determination of the United States to defend itself against the spread of Nazi power to their continent. It is essentially a method used by charlatans from time immemorial and the

This is the story of a twenty-two-year-old pilot who is now flying a Hurricane in a squadron stationed near London. I have chosen it to write out of many that I have heard first-hand because it is the story of a young man who is not regarded as a hero.

He has never broken up a formation of bombers single-handed—a feat of Messerschmidts—downed two and chased the rest home—as had two of the men I met who had recently been decorated. I shall not call my undecorated hero by his name because he is very shy, and this story will embarrass him enough.

As it is, I shall call him Pilot Officer Hart, and this is his story in as much detail as I can remember.

When the war began he was at Oxford, and had done a little flying there under the direction of the R.A.F. He went to France shortly after the war began, flying a Spitfire. The first time he was shot down was over Belgium during the retreat.

He was in a dog-fight with a Messerschmidt 109 at 28,000 or 29,000 feet, breathing oxygen through his mask, watching the German as the two planes circled, sparring for an opening.

The first thing he remembers is getting what felt like a terrific kick in the pants. His plane went several hundred feet straight up in the air. Then, within a few seconds, he got another kick in the pants. The plane went on and up four or five hundred feet, and this time, he says, when he looked out, his plane didn't have any wings on it.

He said to himself, "I don't know what did it, but it is obviously time to get out."

By this time he found himself and his fuselage upside down. The glass cover to the cockpit of a Spitfire slides back. He was looking down through the closed glass cover to the ground below him.

Using both hands he got the glass hatch free and slid it clear. Then he expected to fall out. He wanted to fall out. But he didn't because he had forgotten about the safety belt.

What was left of the plane continued to fall upside down. Finally he remembered the safety belt, and he let go the clasp. He dropped out sharply and the wind began to turn him round. As he turned, his arms flew out from his sides, and he found himself looking at his hands.

He says when he saw his hands he thought very clearly he didn't like them, because they ought to be pulling the rip-cord on his parachute. In a kind of rush of panic he looked for the handle of the rip-cord, found it and pulled.

After the parachute opened he found himself sitting there with no sense of motion. He felt "very safe and sound," and decided that this was rather a unique opportunity to look around the countryside. He was still very high up. As he looked down, the first thing he noticed was that something was happening directly beneath him. He could see puffs were running across a clearing.

Then things began whizzing by him. He said to himself, "This would be my luck to bale out in the middle of a battle, and get shot by a stray bullet."

The lower he got the closer the bullets came, until he thinks he must have been about a mile high. Then it came to him that this was no battle going on beneath him. The shooting he was observing was at him. Machine-guns, rifles and an anti-aircraft battery were all shooting at him.

He said, "Then I got really scared." He came down the last few thousand feet knowing things were very wrong, and that the shooting was coming from people on his own side.

He landed in a field, picked himself up, yelling at the top of his

world over. But behind it lies a force that must be reckoned with.

(Without Medal)

By RALPH INGERSOLL

lungs "Je suis Anglais. Je suis Anglais."

Belgian soldiers ran up all around him, pointing their guns at him. Finally an officer came. When the officer recognised his uniform he told the men to put down their rifles, and came up and embraced young Hart.

The officer turned out to be a count—cousin of the King of the Belgians.

The next two incidents were not as dramatic as the first. He was simply shot down twice. Both times he flew a Hurricane to land on English soil. Once he was fighting over the Channel, once over the Thames estuary. On neither occasion did he know where the bullet came from that disabled his plane. He was sim-

Hart explained his nasty job, because "Tail-ass-Charlie" must fly so fast and throw himself into such violent, continuous banking that he is either continually blacking out—that is, throwing the blood out of his head until he goes temporarily blind—or coming close to it.

He said he was doing quite nicely, except it was late afternoon and they were flying east and the sun was right behind him. Two Messerschmidts with cannon came out of the sun and were on his tail before he could do anything about it.

As they dived, they made a V about forty-five degrees wide converging on the back of his neck. Both let go from very close, crossed, went under him, and disappeared.

thing else in the world, and that is a fighter. Friend or foe, they just don't like us."

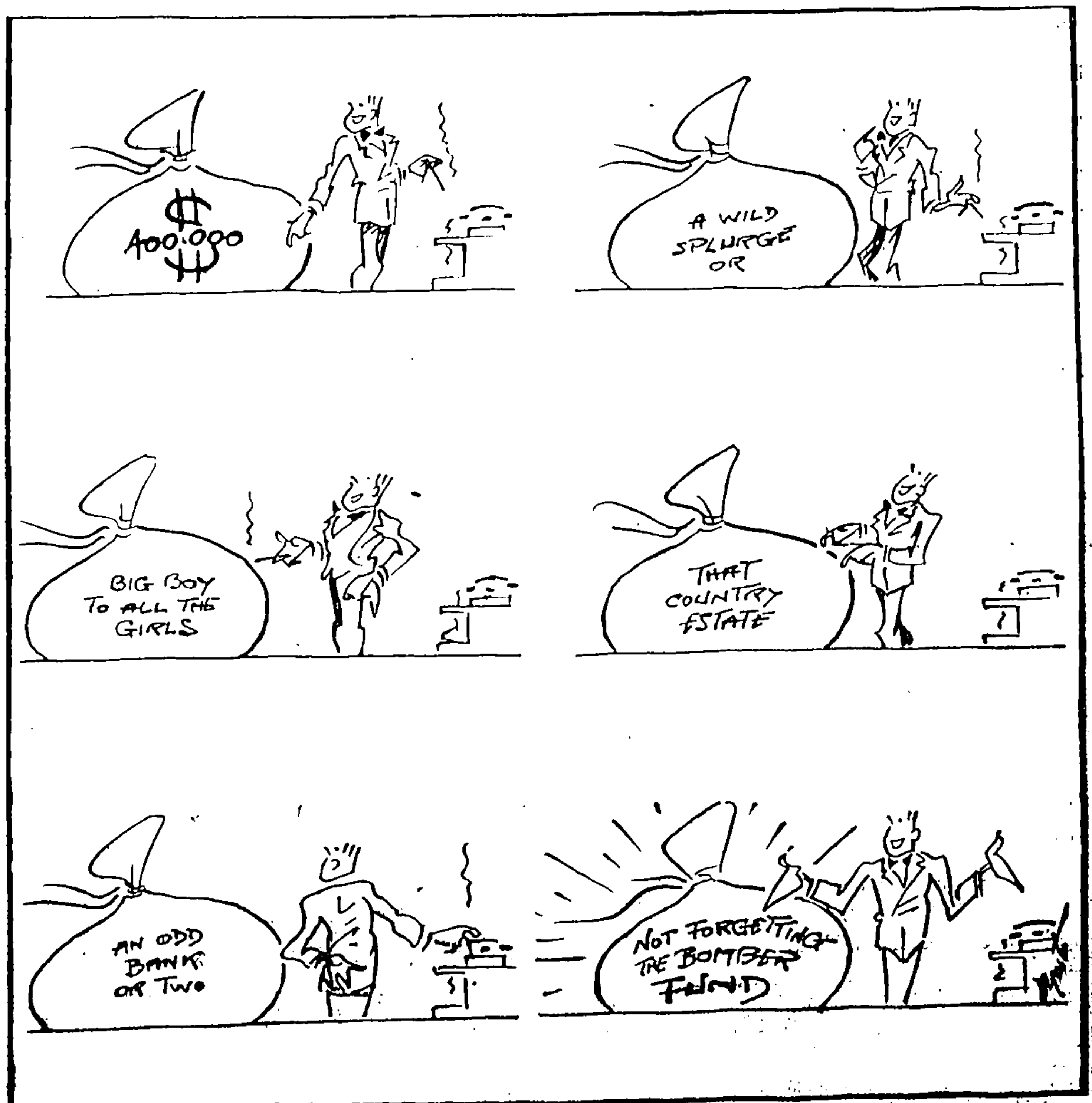
He began to feel pretty desperate and lonely, and couldn't think how to make the bombers understand that what he wanted was simply protection.

Finally, he had an idea. He took his handkerchief out of his pocket, reached down and dipped it in the blood from the wounds on his feet. He held the bloody handkerchief over his head.

He said the bombers caught on the minute they saw the bloody handkerchief. "But then they scared me even more because they got so curious; all the crews began crowding into the gun turrets to look at me, and I was afraid they would veer over and bump into me, because I could not steer very well."

"I finally had them. I just cut down in front to keep them right up on my tail. They still couldn't go quite as fast as I could, and when I had them up on my tail

BAD FOR THE NERVES!



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ply flying along and suddenly his motor was hot and things began to go wrong.

The first time he had the choice between making a landing in enemy territory and trying to get home. He decided to try to get home.

He knew the motor was hot in some vital point because the temperature began rising, but that was all. The temperature kept on rising all the way home. When he was over England, but before he had found his field, the cooling fluid caught fire. He came swirling into port with smoke and flames all round him.

The next time was much like the last, except that Hart now had had some experience with cooling fluid catching fire, and after the motor reached a certain temperature he shut it off. The motor immediately froze.

He admitted that the next time he was shot down it might make a story. That time—his fourth—he was functioning as "Tail-ass-Charlie" for a squadron of Hurricanes. They were flying over enemy territory, going along the German-held coast of France.

Three cannon shells tore off not quite half the covering of the horizontal tail and flippers and part of the vertical stabiliser and part of the rudder. Hart explained this because he was trying to impress on me how much punishment a Hurricane can take and still fly home.

It never occurred to him until much later in the story to throw in the casual fact that the three cannon shell explosions had given him a shower bath of steel fragments from the rear.

Fifty-odd pieces of shell fragment came through the bottom of his seat and lacerated his legs as if by the discharge of buckshot a few feet away.

Half-way across the Channel he caught up with three Bristol Blenheim bombers returning from a daylight raid. He recognised them as English, and said they looked awfully good to him. He flew down to come alongside them. When he got there they were in formation. Instead of welcoming smiles, he watched six gun turrets swing round and twelve machine-guns train on him.

Hart said, "There's one thing that bombers hate more than any-

I knew that if any trouble came they would catch it first."

He said this as if he had played a rather sly trick on the bombers—a sly and not entirely cricket trick.

The fifth time he grounded. He got the plane back to England, but lost it because the only place he could find to land after the motor had been shot out over the Channel was along a beach on the south coast, and although he got the plane down quite whole, it was outside the barbed wire entanglements and mined landing areas.

The sixth time he was shot down Hart said was really not worth talking about because "absolutely nothing happened."

In this whole narrative of his experiences, which I had insisted on, I suddenly realised he had not told me a single story of victory—a single incident which directly reflected credit on him or made him a hero.

Not from him, but from others in his squadron, I learned he had four confirmed planes to his credit, one a bomber, and that he had probably shot down as many more that were not confirmed.

300 AUSTRIANS SHOT IN REVOLT IN NORWAY

NINETY-EIGHT OUT of every hundred Norwegians listen-in to the B.B.C. and are confident Britain will win. . . . Few of the 300,000 Nazi troops in Norway are happy: firearms are banned to civilians, but Germans are always being found mysteriously drowned.

Many Austrian soldiers have committed suicide, and they frequently revolt. Three hundred were shot after one uprising.

Three hundred thousand tons of potatoes and much other food have been seized and sent to Germany. There will be serious food shortage by the spring.

These and other facts which show what difficult times the Germans are having in conquered Norway were told by a young Norwegian who has reached Britain in a sailing boat.

"Early Next Year"

"My people," he said, "are confident that Britain will win. Many are sure you will win early next year and that makes them very happy.

"Quisling's followers are hated. He himself never appears in public unless heavily guarded by German soldiers.

Of the soldiers sent to Norway, many were Austrians who had been in my country after the Great War. When they saw what was happening a large number of them committed suicide.

"From time to time there were revolts among them.

"In Oslo all traffic was stopped in certain streets and people were kept away from certain areas until the Austrian soldiers had passed through.

The Norwegian went on to tell how German attempts at embarkation tests ended in disaster.

"One morning in August Oslo docks and beaches were closed for

a very large test. No Norwegian people were allowed near them.

"I heard later that numbers of the Germans taking part were drowned.

"The soldiers were put out in small boats, of which the Nazis had many in Norway, and made to jump overboard in full kit. This included tin helmets, rifles, and top boots.

"Those who could not swim sank like stones and were drowned.

"Eventually the soldiers refused to take part in these tests, and there was great discontent among them.

"While there is not yet severe rationing in Norway, huge quantities of food have been taken to Germany. The petrol situation is also becoming serious.

"Until I left we were always able to get plenty of fish, but never any herrings. The Germans are taking all the herrings caught and extracting oil from them for use as glycerine.

"The petrol stocks cannot last much longer. Large stores have been destroyed by the Norwegians, and the Nazis are using a very poor quality.

"Private motoring has been stopped but taxis are allowed to run in the larger towns. They are allowed 15 gallons per month.

"Found Drowned"

"No one, of course, is allowed to possess a gun or rifle.

"Throughout Norway, however, many German soldiers are being mysteriously drowned.

"One Norwegian, Michael Staksrud, an Olympic skating champion, turned Quisling. His body was found soon afterwards. He had been drowned.

"Some of our girls in Oslo have unfortunately let us down. The German officials, and particularly Herr Terboven, encourage them to make friends with German soldiers.

"Our men resented this and took the reprisal of cutting off the hair of women known to be associating with German soldiers.

"The Nazis enforced billeting in private homes not only to accommodate their soldiers but also to enable them to spy on the people. But even among the German soldiers there is great distrust.

"A German soldier will speak freely if he is alone, and quite frequently they have told my people how unhappy they are. But if there are two German soldiers together they seldom speak of their feelings.

"The prisons in Norway are full. Conditions in them are terrible.

"When British planes attack Nazi-occupied ports the Norwegians come out into the streets waving their arms and cheering.

"They leave the air-raid shelters for the Germans."

ORCHIDS ARE EVACUEES

"Evacuees" to a little station in the Yorkshire hills arrive in crates labelled "Fragile" and "This way up."

The evacuees are orchids, often worth hundreds of pounds, and owned by famous people who have had their hot-houses smashed by shrapnel or who cannot get sufficient gardeners to tend the rare plants.

Mr. W. Mansell, meets them, tucks them away in one of his huge hot-houses "for the duration."

NAVY COMPELS DUCE TO GO SHORT

Britain's Mediterranean blockade has cut off 80 per cent. of Italy's imports.

This is shown in a statement issued by the United States Department of Agriculture (says Reuters).

"The blockade has been so effective in stopping the flow of sorely needed foodstuffs and agricultural materials that the Italian economic structure has been severely disorganised," the statement says.

"Italy went into the war with little or no reserve of vital agricultural products, especially cotton, wool, rubber, cereals, meats and oil seeds.

Lack of Fats

"It is difficult to see how countries that might send supplies by land can furnish Italy with products such as rubber, cotton, jute, wool, fats, meat and coffee.

"Thus the lack of fats, oils and meats may become more serious as the British blockade continues.

"In this case the Italian people may expect much stricter rations and possibly five or six meatless days."

The effects of the food shortage are very acute in some parts of southern Italy and the islands.

Adulterated

Reports from Sicily indicate that bread is being adulterated, making an unpalatable product which is difficult to digest.

Fish, one of the staple foods of the Sicilians, is almost unobtainable.

Meat is available to Italians only on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays, while the monthly ration of olive oil is only one pint per person.

Sugar consumption has been reduced so that part of the supply may be converted into sorely-needed industrial alcohol.

The supply of cotton is expected to be exhausted within a few weeks.

CULT PUT BAR ON HUSBANDS

Onions, garlic and husbands are all banned by a weird Los Angeles cult to which hundreds of Americans paid altogether £750,000 for a guarantee that they would live for ever.

When the trial of the cult's high priestess, Mrs. Edna Ballard, on a charge of fraud, began, the Judge was amazed at stories of the gullibility of her followers.

Known as "I Am," Mrs. Ballard's cult taught that God was the spirit of her deceased husband, who was called St. German.

Devotees were instructed that St. German detested garlic or onion breath, therefore they mustn't eat them. Women also were forbidden to cohabit with their husbands, with the result hundreds of husbands wrote to the authorities begging them to do something to combat the cult.

Prosecuting Attorney Norman Neukom said: "The cult told its followers that New York and San Francisco were built on a gas belt, and would have been blown up if it hadn't been for its leaders."



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LETTERS FROM FRANCE

SIDELIGHTS ON
LIFE UNDER
THE GERMANS

AMERICAN PAPERS are publishing letters from France to French men and women in the United States which give interesting sidelights on life in the occupied region. The following are published by the "New York Times":—

A cook to her mistress: When you come back, I hope you won't scold me if I cannot give you the tasty dishes I used to—no milk, no butter, no rice, no coffee, no tea. We have to wait for hours to buy potatoes. I am sorry for the poor women with bad feet, who collapse before their turn is reached. People fight each other standing in line, they are so impatient and so hungry. This is not a smart thing to do, as we are watched by the Germans. We must stand firm and have courage. The worst of it is that I am getting out of practice.

A concierge to a tenant: The people who lived above you left the water running when they rushed away, so the ceiling is on the floor of the drawing-room; but your geraniums are fine and I water them every day. I remain your devoted concierge, who takes good care of everything.

A young bride-to-be to her best friend: I broke off my engagement because Paul, and especially his family, are much too nice to the Germans. I could not possibly start married life on such a footing. I will not marry a pessimist, a born loser, a fellow who has no fight in him.

A Jew from the Lorraine district to one of his faith in the United States: With the utmost brutality, the Germans introduced their laws, and more especially the Nuremberg laws, in Alsace and then on Lorraine. They think that these provinces will never be returned to France and systematically destroy all that is French either from the intellectual, religious, or peasant standpoint.

We have been thrown out of our home in one hour. We were permitted to take with us only some linen and 5,000 francs, but as we did not have any money in the house we left without funds of any kind. We were wedged like cattle into a railroad carriage and pushed to unoccupied France. After untold suffering, we have now been given quarters by a charitable municipality.

Nazi Nerves

A social worker to another: The trucks which nightly move the furniture from the most beautiful apartments in Paris bring back German families who settled here en masse. We understand that these Germans fled from the bombardments the Royal Air Force inflicts on Germany and which they cannot stand. It is strange to note how much less nervous resistance the Germans have than the French. I can tell because I have to meet them every day.

However, you must know that, apart from the families that come here temporarily because of the raids, there are a great number whom Germany installs in the North of France for the purpose of Nazifying the country. They handle the whole thing as a colonisation project and, as you can imagine, they are hated.

When we look over Morocco and Indo-China the inhabitants found it a blessing, whereas the Germans take all we have. The population is aware of this and knows that if perchance they are not pillaged they are ruined nevertheless, due to the monetary system the Germans have installed.

An officer to an American colleague: At first, we found the inhabitants surprised by the politeness and reticence of the Germans in occupied territory. We did not realise that this was a command performance. Many of us thought business would begin again and believed in Franco-German collaboration. The systematic pillage, which the Germans undertook when they introduced a monetary system of one mark having the value of twenty francs, opened everybody's eyes. The marks are distributed at the rate of two a day to each soldier. They are valid only in

France, and the shopkeepers, who at first thought they were selling goods, came to realise that it was thievery.

Another officer to a friend: From various sources we know that the Germans attempted an invasion of England at the beginning of August. Their failure was absolute. Their losses were tremendous. An epidemic of suicides took place among them. Austrian troops fought German regiments. Many German soldiers speak with a great deal of discouragement or even cry. Some of them have been in the army for a number of years and are tired of it.

A lady with a flair for literature to a friend: Parisians now only travel via the subway, on bicycles, or on foot. After suffering my share of the daily public Calvary by awaiting my turn in the long queues in front of the food stores, I take a walk in the Bois. There I dream of the days that are passed. "Gone with the Wind."

My father, who, due to his age, is seriously affected by the disaster of this occupation, has managed to rent a carriage. I do not know from whence this antique vehicle was resurrected, but I accept its definition by Tristan Bernard: "An instrument of iron and wood, destined to push horses."

Britain The Hope

The "New York Herald-Tribune" publishes the following outspoken letter from a Frenchman somewhere in France:

I can tell you that the French Government of to-day does not represent France. With the exception of a small part of the bourgeoisie that looks only to its most immediate interests, the French people consider that this shameful armistice is only the result of the treason of a political party which was dreaming of a dictatorship tied to that of Hitler. All the French people believe that an unconditional surrender, which would have allowed our Allies to use all our colonial resources, would have been more honourable than this abandonment of everything to Germany and this volte face against Great Britain, to whom, moreover, we had sworn fidelity.

Fortunately, Great Britain seems to understand what happened and does not make the French nation responsible for the acts of its Government. In Great Britain resides our hope of salvation, in Great Britain and also in the United States that may mightily help her.

Here, what can we do? Two million men have been surrendered to the Germans. The others are called to the colours (what irony!) by command of the Germans. The farmers and the agricultural labourers of the oldest levies have been liberated, but the Germans do not allow them to go home and many of them do not want to work just to feed Germany. No action is possible. What could disarmed men do?

Slow Death

And that means death for France, a slow death ordered by Germany, with the complicity of our Government. They assail even the spirit, the civilisation of France.

72, ON
CHARGE
OF WIFE
MURDER

Benjamin Briers, aged 72, of Swinborne Avenue, Broadstairs, was remanded at Margate on a charge of murdering his wife, Harriet Briers.

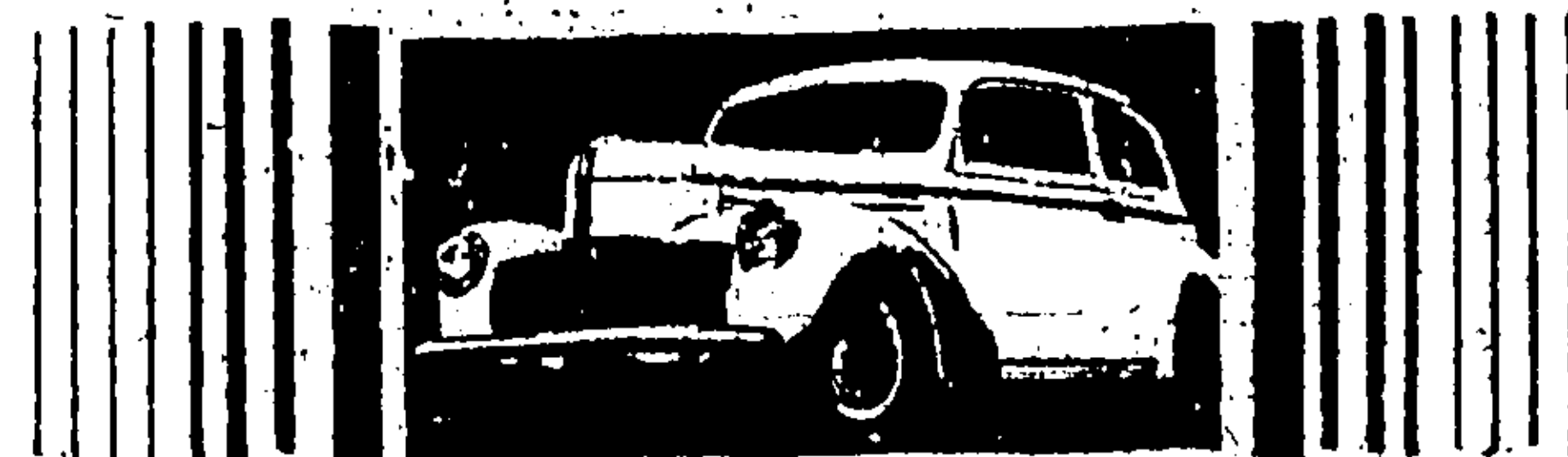
When the charge was read out, Briers jumped up and said, "Murder did you say? I was waiting for her to come and see me."

Mrs. Briers, who was 72, was found dead when police broke into her home on the night of November 7. She had severe head and throat wounds. Her husband was lying on the couch in the same room, very weak and suffering from superficial cuts across the body.

One by one our liberties are destroyed. Recently the Ministry of Education prescribed that first place should be given to physical education and that intellectual education should be relegated to second place. In order to execute this prescription exactly, they will carefully purge the teaching personnel. But we shall defend ourselves. We are determined not to permit our children to become mere machines that do what they are ordered to do and think what they are ordered to think. We are determined to preserve our culture and to inculcate it in our children.

We shall surely suffer very much materially and morally. We expect to see all France subjugated to Germany and to see ourselves reduced to silence, that terrible silence of the oppressed nations, that silence of which Stefan Zweig was speaking last winter on the radio: the voice that you will hear, the voices you are already hearing, as coming from France are not the voice of France. That is the reason why I am writing to you this last time in order to tell you, and in order that you may tell the American people, that the French have remained French and that only an abominable treason has led them to ruin and dishonour.

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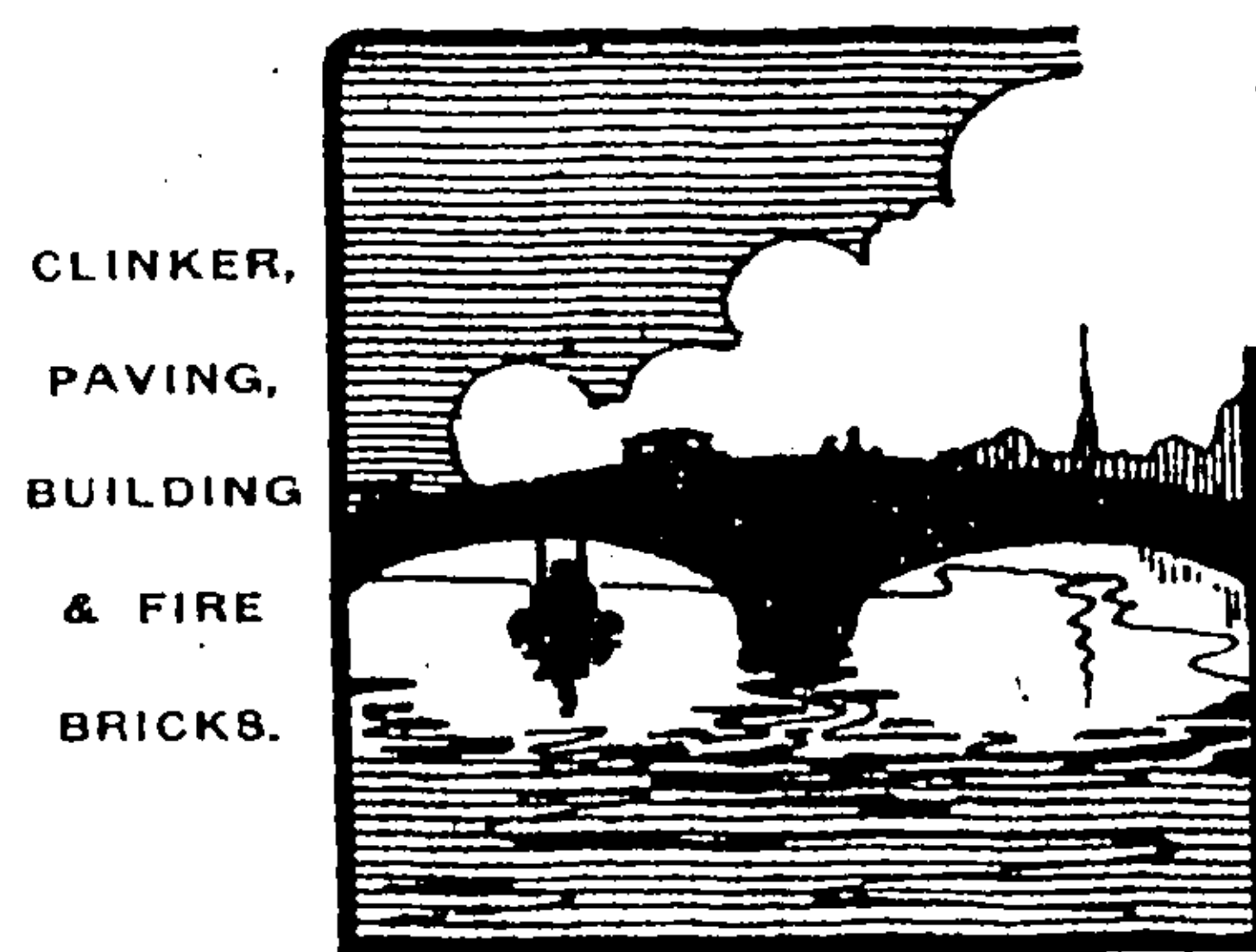
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PUBLIC AUCTION

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 13th February to Wednesday, the 26th February, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th February, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th. February, 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

The Knockout Blow By The Four Aces

North's bidding was rather poor, since he should have steered South into a contract of three no-trump rather than five clubs. But East didn't object to North's bidding, for it gave her the opportunity to make a very brilliant defensive play.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 6 2
♥ Q J
♦ A J 8 7 3
♣ K J 10

♠ J 8 7 3
♥ 9 6 5 3 2
♦ 10 9 2
♣ 6

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♠ K 10 9
♥ 10 8 7 4
♦ K Q 4
♣ Q 6 2

♠ Q 5 4
♥ A K
♦ 6 5
♣ A 9 8 7 4 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened a heart. South winning with the Ace. Declarer then laid down the club Ace and continued with a low club, discovering to his sorrow that East was now bound to get a trump trick. He therefore made his best play for going up with the King of clubs and returning a low diamond from the dummy.

East put up the Queen of diamonds and cashed the Queen of clubs, but then the contract hinged on her next play. You may find it interesting to look for the best play before you read on — even seeing all four hands!

East knew she would make another diamond trick if South had two diamonds left in his hand. But if South had only one diamond, his plan (as East could easily see) was to take the diamond Ace, ruff a diamond, and get back via the spade Ace to cash two diamond tricks. The only way to stop this plot was to knock out the spade Ace before the diamonds could be set up. East therefore returned the spade King!

Note that it would have done East no good to return one of the lower spades, since then South would have put up the Queen, retaining the spade Ace in the dummy. But knocking out the spade Ace also dealt the knockout blow to South's contract.

* * *

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K Q J 10 6
♥ K 8 5 3
♦ Q J 7
♣ 4

The bidding:

You.	Minor	Jacoby.	Schenken.
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♣
(7)			

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. To show the spades, crowds the bidding, and hearts should make a satisfactory trump suit. You do not raise to game (which in this particular case would be a "stronger bid") because you must give your partner a little leeway with a third-hand bid. He will go to game if his opening bid was sound.

Score, 100% for three hearts, 80% for four hearts, 70% for three spades, 60% for two spades.

Question No. 643

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 6 5
♥ 8
♦ A J 7 5 4
♣ K 10 2

The bidding:

Jacoby.	You	Minor	Schenken.
1♥	(7)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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It is estimated that it will cost near £1,000,000 to rebuild the Guildhall in such a way as to restore its historic characteristics. All that remain are the stone walls and the turrets at each corner.

A.R.P. WARNED BY HIS DEATH

As vivid flashes lit the sky in fields in the north-west during a night raid—a warden raced across a field to put out the "beacon" which was guiding enemy bombers.

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Bringing Up Father



By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

A Grand Finale To A Noble Bird Is Turkey-Mushroom Soup

By Dorothy Greig

It may be heresy even to hint at such a thing . . . but there are some irrepressible souls who think the best part of the turkey is its final wind-up as turkey soup. Such honest flavour, they claim, almost more than the turkey meat itself had, as though the very essence of flavour had been saved for this, its glorious finish.

And I agree, for my own turkey soup is something of which I'm really proud. You see, I add condensed cream of mushroom soup which gives it an extra fillup of delicate flavour, and a smoothness of texture that is a delight to the palate. Here's how it goes:

- Bones of one roast turkey
- 2 quarts cold water
- 1 carrot, sliced
- 1 stalk celery
- 2 slices onion, medium size

Put all ingredients into a stewing kettle, bring to a boil and simmer, covered, for 2 hours. Strain. Makes 1½ quarts stock.

- 1½ quarts turkey stock
- 4 tablespoons rice, uncooked



2 cans condensed cream of mushroom soup

Cook the rice in the turkey stock until soft when pressed between the fingers. Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan,

stir well and add the turkey stock with cooked rice.

For garnish — add 4 tablespoons of chopped tomato (firm part) and 1 teaspoon chopped parsley. Makes 2½ quarts.

Note:

No salt and pepper were used in this recipe because the seasoning in the cream of mushroom soup seemed adequate. However, you may prefer to add about ¼ teaspoon of salt and pinch of pepper.

BRONZED COMPLEXIONS

Pale faces do not harmonise with the exotic, tropical colours of the new season's fashions. These brewed from native Latin American plants, are the same rich, lovely colours you find in Indian pottery and serapes — the vivid green of giant fern, vibrant purple, geranium red, chartreuse and chola (which is a most magnetic purple-red). Important too is the natural beige of unbleached hemp. To wear these, one's complexion must be exquisitely bronzed by the sun's good rays or —artificially bronzed with a new complexion tint and liquid rouge! Yes, my dears, pale faces can be made into mystery-eyed Peruvian beauties with the aid of two little bottles of liquid and a vibrant lipstick.

The tint is applied to your skin with a bit of dry cotton and then blended with your fingers. Much the same way as you apply a foundation lotion. The trick is to cover ALL your exposed skin — your face and neck, behind your ears, your arms and hands. If a few pale spots remain the effect you desire is entirely destroyed.

The first application makes your skin glow as if you had a few recent sun baths, and a deeper, bronze tan is possible with a second application of the tint.

The companion piece to this skin-changing tint, is a liquid

rouge which is also applied with a bit of cotton. (The rouge is excellent to use on pale faces with-



The gay young blade says life would be perfect if every week were Christmas week.

out the tint, for it can be beautifully blended to look like a natural girlish blush!

Other Use For Tint

Women who have "splotchy skin" caused from a liver or pigment-lacking condition, could use this liquid complexion tint to advantage. By deftly applying the tint to the paler areas and blending it with finger tips it is possible to obtain one lovely tone, then over this the rouge may go.

The nice thing about such a cosmetic is that it permits one to change type. Once you get bored with your too bleached winter skin you can, presto, paint on a harmless shade or two and turn out to be a ravishing bronze beauty! But do remember that such a skin tone requires a very vivid lipstick — a true yellow-scarlet, or a eerie-scarlet. The deeper winter lipsticks look dull with this tint.

In case you wonder, the tint and rouge may be removed easily with cleansing cream or bland soap and water. And it is best to put it on freshly washed skin — there is no need for a foundation under it.

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



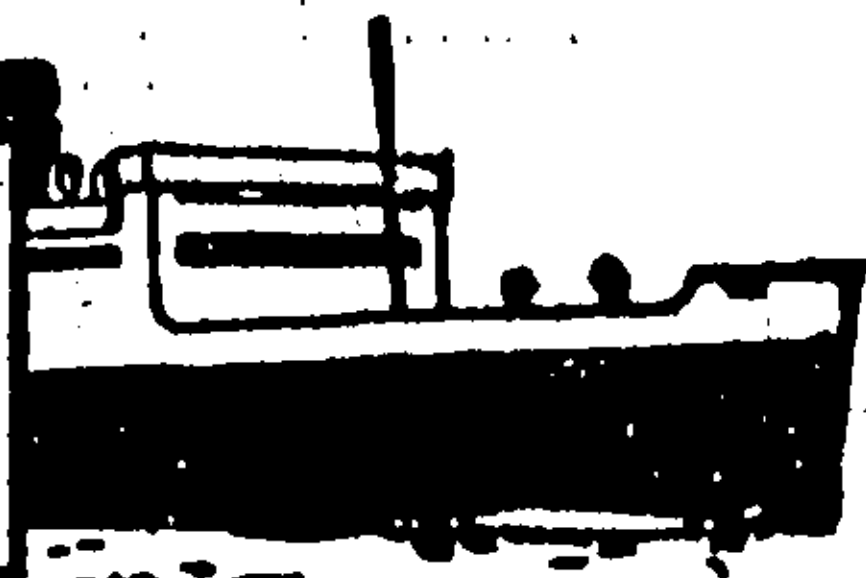
It was a correspondence club romance, and they're taking no chances of spilling it.

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sion.

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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Wea-
ther Report.

1.03 p.m.—Dance Music by Nat Gonella
and His Georgians, with Vocal by
Frances Langford.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.

1.45 p.m.—Schubert—Quartet in A
Minor, Op. 29.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.32 p.m.—Schumann—Symphony No. 4
in D Minor, Op. 120. London Sym-
phony Orchestra conducted by Bruno
Walter.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk by
Robert Donat.

7.30 p.m.—Richard Tauber (Tenor) and
Debroy Somers Band.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Three Songs by Elsie Sudda-
by (Soprano).

8.13 p.m.—Purcell—Suite for Dido and
Aeneas.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Makers of Medi-
cine" No. 2: 'Behind the Scenes: The
Making of a Doctor'. Talk by Father
G. Byrne, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Songs by Amelita Galli-Curci
(Soprano).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions
of the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—Selections from Musical
Comedy.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"My Weekly
Newletter". Talk by an English
woman.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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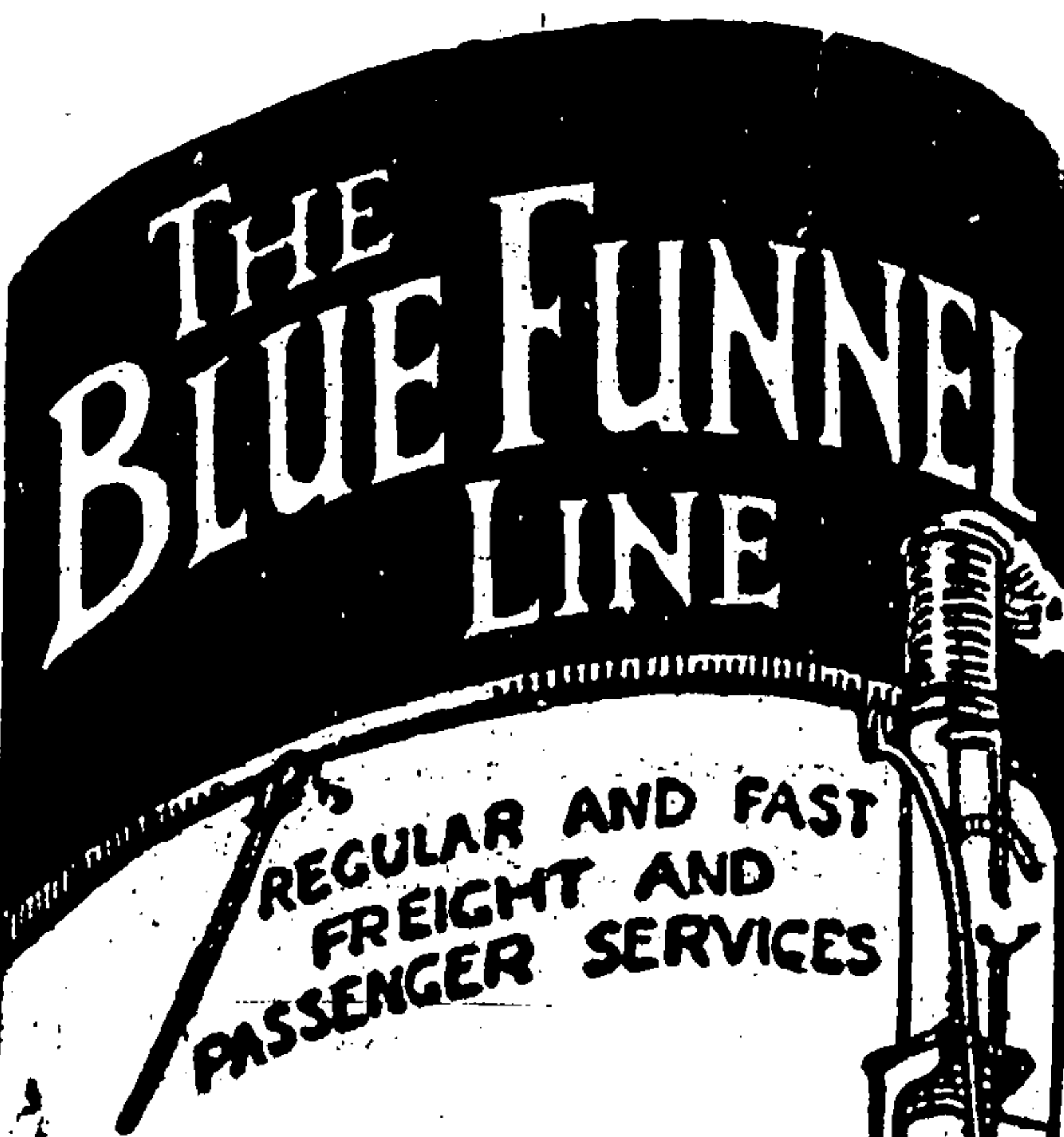
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SOFTBALL NOTES

Girls Games Played In Uncomfortable Rain

Canuckettes Extended By Panthers

Efegina Babida's First No-Hitter

By "Grandstand"

BEFORE A HANDFUL of die-hards, the full three-game schedule in the Ladies Softball League was played off under a drizzling rain. As expected both the Wildcats-Chung Hwa and Cardinals-Little Flowers tilts proved to be pushovers, whilst the Canadian Chinese were fully extended by the Baby Panthers before they could take the verdict in a 16-12 decision.

Mary Ng, on the slab for the Maple Leafs, chucked her usual brand of heavy ball and only allowed three scattered hits, while fanning seven Pantherettes, which is some going, considering the wet

ball caused by the condition of the ground. Mary Ng passed four to first against Panther hurler Lelia Xavier's one, but the latter encountered difficulty with the wet ball and was content just to toss them over at the sacrifice of speed, which proved disastrous as she was micked for 14 safeties.

Pennant Hopes Crash

Fielding only eight players, Canadian Chinese pennant hopes slumped to a new low, when the Panthers blanked them in the initial frame, and chalked up a flying start of four runs on Regina Xavier's double, helped by three Canuckette miscues, but in the next stanza, the Maple Leafs came right back with a vengeance, and pushed six markers across the pan on three safeties, including Mary Ng's four-master with ducks in the pond.

In the Panthers home half of the inning, they replied with four tallies on only one hit, assisted by six (count 'em) errors to take the lead once more.

Both sides were unable to score in the third, but in the fourth, the Canadians threatened when Ulian Khoo banged out a Ruthian wallop with none aboard, but the side was retired without further gain, when Rene Yuen popped out leaving Jay Wong and Mary Ng stranded on the sacks.

In the fifth, the Canuckette went to town, as they unleashed another three-hit four-run uprising.

One more tally in the sixth, together with four counters in the last, cinched the game for the Canadians.

Panthers' Spirit

The Panthers displayed a sample of their undying spirit when they produced four runs after two away in a last-inning rally, giving the Maple Leafs a scare.

As Coach Bill Woo afterwards remarked, "It was close!"

Canuckettes Mary Ng and Ulian Khoo were each good for a homer a-piece, whilst Pantherette hurler Lelia Xavier clouted the only triple, chasing in team-mates Celeste Guterres and Aleo Mendonca.

Regina Xavier, Hilda "Bambina" Soares, Vivian Louie and Ulian Khoo were good for doubles.

Panther short-stop Regina Xavier, had a poor day on the field, no less than seven errors being chalked up against her, whilst Thelma "Peanut" Marques and Canuckette third-sacker Vivian Louie both committed four errors.

Easy Pickings

The Wildcats found Chung Hwa hurler Funglie Law easy pickings, connecting her for 19 safeties, to hand out a 37-5 trimming, at the same time fattening their batting averages, in a six-inning massacre. Wildcat slabstress Thelma Collaco fanned four, whilst Chung Hwa chucker Funglie Law issued nine free tickets to first.

The Wildcats fielded a scratch team, but each untamed feline was good for at least two hits, except Mary Mar and Virginia Chu, both of whom only connected safely once in six times.

Chung Hwa scored four of their five runs in the first inning, on two bobbles and three passed balls, but was held scoreless until the last semester, when another run was produced on a squeeze play.

The longest hit of the game was made by Thelma Collaco, when she belted in the only four-bagger of the fray, Margaret Young's

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

SENIOR LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	9	2	.818
Indian Softballers	9	3	.750
Hong Kong Baseballers	8	3	.727
Recreio Aces	6	4	.600
Cyclones	6	5	.545
Chinese Baseballers	3	6	.333
Filipinos	2	9	.182
Canadian Chinese	0	11	.000
JUNIOR LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pctg.
Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.R.C.	9	1	.901
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Recreio Bees	6	3	.667
Cosmopolitans	6	4	.600
Liga Portuguesa	4	5	.444
South China	4	5	.444
Royal Scots	3	6	.333
8th R.A.	3	7	.300
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000
LADIES' LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pctg.
Canadian Chinese	11	1	.917
Wildcats	11	1	.917
Wahoos	9	3	.750
Baby Panthers	7	6	.538
Cardinals	7	6	.538
Recreio Ramblerettes	3	9	.250
Little Flowers	1	11	.083
Chung Hwa	0	12	.000
INTER-HONG LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pctg.
Hong Kong Bankers	4	0	1.000
Texaco Oilers	4	1	.800
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Lacas	2	2	.500
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	4	.000

CHESS

KARPOVICH WINS AGAIN

L. Karpovich maintained his unbeaten record against the pick of the Colony's chess players when he defeated D. E. de Carvalho last night to score his third point in the Colony Open Chess Championship and lead the Tournament by half a point with a game in hand.

Carvalho played an irregular king's pawn opening against his opponent, Karpovich, with black, taking the offensive after Carvalho had early placed himself at a positional disadvantage. Karpovich entered the end game two pawns up and forced his opponent's resignation.

Following is the Colony Senior Chess Championship latest tournament table:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
L. Karpovich	3	3	0	0	3
C. M. Sequeira	4	2	1	1	2½
G. S. Coxhead	3	2	0	1	2
E. Zimmern	3	1	1	1	1½
K. Weiss	4	1	1	2	1½
D. E. de Carvalho	5	0	1	4	½

The following games are on the postponed list:—Sequeira v. Coxhead, Zimmern v. Karpovich, Zimmern v. Weiss, and Coxhead v. Karpovich.

Results in the Colony Junior Championship were:—A. Y. Biriukoff beat R. C. Danenberg, and V. V. Kolstchoff beat R. C. Gardner.

Babida's First No-Hit

The Cardinals triumphed over the Little Flowers by 19-1, in a game featured by hurler Efegina Babida's first no-hit game of the season. The Florinhas were saved from a white-washing by drawing a walk from Babida and scoring on a wild heave.

MEN'S LEAGUE

POOR GAME

By "Grandstand"

In the Men's senior League, the Chinese Baseballers-Canadian Chinese clash was postponed as both sides were unable to field teams.

In the night-cap, the Filipinos, made up mostly of players of the second division Cosmopolitans, succumbed to a scratch Recreio nine by 12-5, in a game devoid of interest.

Tatong Amper hurled for the Islanders and yielded 13 hits. Recreio battery was Gerry Gosano and Charlie Figueiredo, with an infield which included Henry "Old Marce" Barros, and Caco Marques.

In sliding into second base, in the last inning, regular Cosmopolitan first-sacker Tony Sandberg sprained his hip.

TO-DAY'S SEVENS GAMES

Following is the Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament programme for to-day on the Club ground, Happy Valley:

4.50 p.m. Royal Engineers v. 8th Heavy "B". Referee: Lt. Cdr. Harrison.
5.10 p.m. Combined Small Units v. 12th Heavy "A". Referee: Major Curran.
5.30 p.m. Civil Service v. Police "B". Referee: Lt. Pirie.
5.50 p.m. Club "A" v. Middlesex "A". Referee: J. S. Riddell.

REVISED HOCKEY FIXTURES

Following are the revised fixtures for the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament:

FEBRUARY 23			
A. N. Other XI	v.	Destroyers	
C.B.A.	v.	5th A.A. "B"	
Recreio	v.	University	
Nomads	v.	R.E.	
Police "B"	v.	Punjabis	
2nd M.T.B.'s	v.	R.C. Signals	
5th A.A. "A"	v.	Khalsa	
MARCH 9			
Police "A"	v.	Recreio	
5th A.A. "B"	v.	Police "B"	
Gunboats	v.	Khalsa	
C.B.A.	v.	R.E.	
University	v.	Nomads	
5th A.A. "A"	v.	Punjabis	
MARCH 16			
R.E.	v.	Police "A"	
5th A.A. "A"	v.	Police "B"	
Recreio	v.	Nomads	
5th A.A. "B"	v.	Gunboats	
C.B.A.	v.	Destroyers	
R.E.	v.	University	
Khalsa	v.	R.C. Signals	
MARCH 23			
2nd M.T.B.'s	v.	Police "A"	
Recreio	v.	Punjabis	
Gunboats	v.	Nomads	
University	v.	5th A.A. "B"	
MARCH 30			
5th A.A. "A"	v.	Police "A"	
Destroyers	v.	University	
Nomads	v.	5th A.A. "B"	
C.B.A.	v.	R.C. Signals	
Recreio	v.	Khalsa	
2nd M.T.B.'s	v.	R.E.	
APRIL 6			
Police "A"	v.	Punjabis	
5th A.A. "A"	v.	Nomads	
Destroyers	v.	5th A.A. "B"	
APRIL 13			
5th A.A. "B"	v.	R.E.	
Nomads	v.	2nd M.T.B.'s	

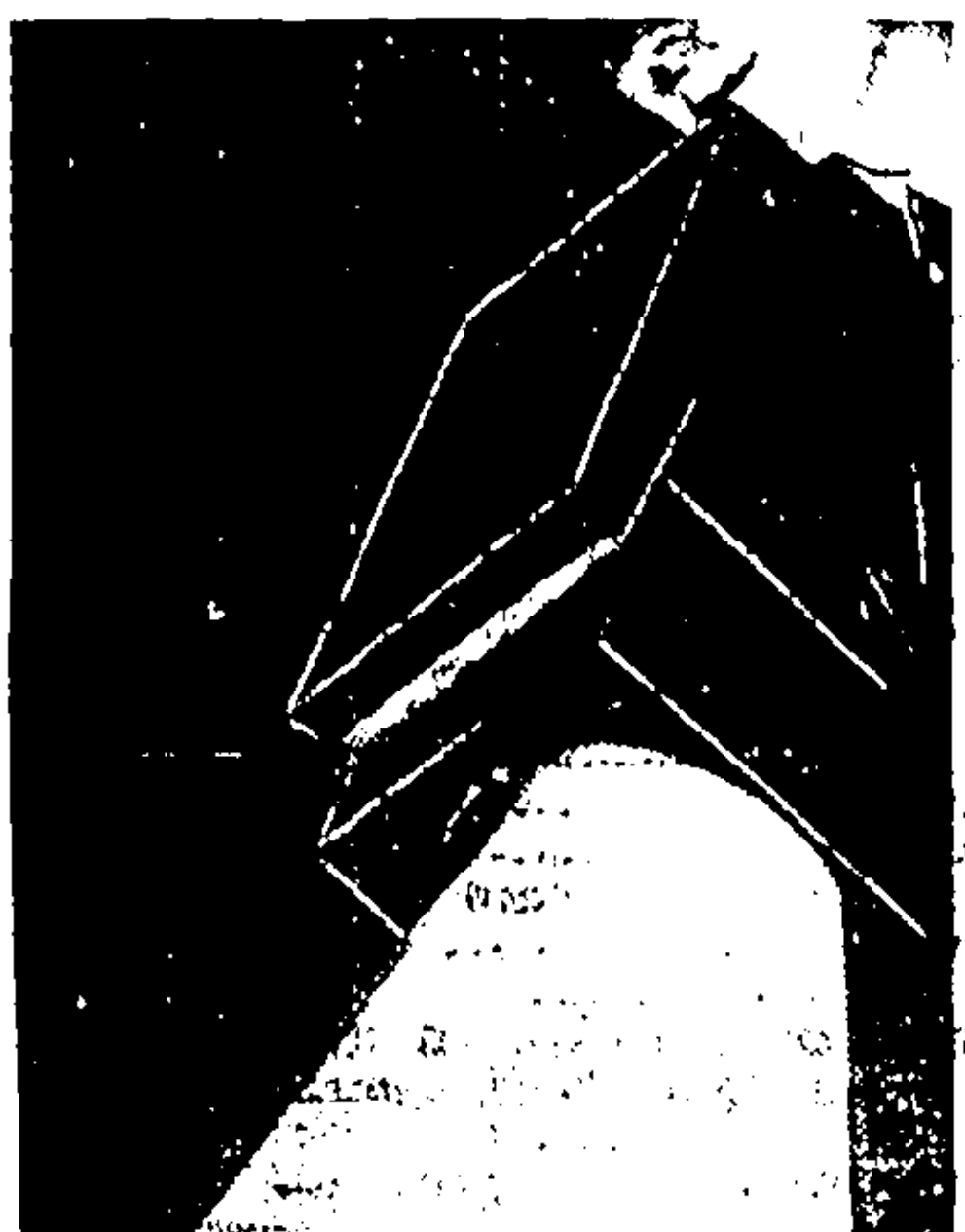
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	1st	2nd	3rd	Un.
V. V. Needa	4	2	1	8
C. B. Moller	3	2	1	5
H. C. Pih	2	2	1	8
W. H. S. Davis	2	2	0	10
Ip Kul-ying	2	0	1	1
S. C. Liang	2	0	1	5
H. J. A. Hearne	2	0	0	4
F. Noodt	1	3	2	7
W. G. Poy	1	2	0	5
P. Y. T. Wei	1	1	3	8
D. H. S. Craven	1	0	2	6
H. J. Holden	1	0	1	0
P. P. Botelho	1	0	1	7
B. L. Tao	1	0	1	15
R. M. Wood	1	0	0	5
M. M. Sokoloff	0	3	0	7
L. B. Chao	0	2	1	10
K. W. Fung	0	1	0	0
A. D. Cooplin	0	1	0	2
D. G. Woo	0	1	0	2
S. L. Sung	0	1	0	8
D. Black	0	0	4	11
L. J. A. Fielden	0	0	1	0
Tang Man-wa	0	0	1	3
S. W. Tang	0	0	1	4
H. S. Chang	0	0	1	10
S. W. Pan	0	0	0	1
M. F. L. Haymes	0	0	0	1
G. W. Cooper	0	0	0	1
J. Barrow	0	0	0	1
H. C. Chan	0	0	0	1
T. W. Chatley	0	0	0	2
F. A. Sequeira	0	0	0	2
S. W. Lee	0	0	0	2
K. I. Lo	0	0	0	2
C. L. Gregory	0	0	0	2
B. A. Proulx	0	0	0	2
R. K. C. Chiu	0	0	0	3
Yeung Wing-kwai	0	0	0	3
Chiu K' fan	0	0	0	5
Ho Hong-ping	0	0	0	7
Hoo Pak-ming	0	0	0	8
G. Trevorton	0	0	0	8
S. L. Yuen	0	0	0	11
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OWNERS				
	1st	2nd	3rd	
Cire	3	3	2	
T. K. L.	3	1	1	
Eve	2	3	0	
Lan	2	2	1	
Necan	2	0	0	
Li Po-chun	2	0	0	
Eu Tong-sen	1	1	0	
P. & L.	1	0	1	
C. W. K.	1	0	0	
Mrs. A. E. Grasett	1	0	0	
Yeung Bros.	1	0	0	
Weetoo	1	0	0	
Shields & Stantons	1	0	0	
C. C. F.	1	0	0	
Kia Ora	1	0	0	
Hollandia	1	0	0	
P. M. Hoo	1	0	0	
C. H.	0	2	0	
S. K.	0	1	1	
G. Tinson	0	1	1	
Lee Bros.	0	1	0	
Lee Chi-choh	0	1	0	
Billy	0	1	0	
S. W. Lee	0	1	0	
Dynasty	0	1	0	
Kong Bros.	0	1	0	
Culture	0	1	0	
Wai Shiu-pak	0	1	0	
G. A. Harriman	0	1	0	
C. N. K.	0	0	2	
Marber	0	0	2	
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WEMBLEY MAY NOT SEE 1941 CUP FINAL

Wembley Stadium has staged the Cup Final every year since the memorable opening in 1923, when 150,000 people watched the West Ham and Bolton Wanderers match, but it is generally considered that unless conditions show a vast change the final will not be played there this season. It would mean that a London club reaching the final would have to travel to the provinces, but then they would only be in the peace-time position of the provincial clubs. In any case, London could always stage its own London Cup final at Wembley as some compensation. — Reuter.



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1940 ENGLISH FLAT-RACING SEASON ONE OF STRANGEST

THE 1940 FLAT RACING season will be remembered as one of the strangest in the history of the Turf. The War seriously interfered with the sport which was greatly curtailed.

The Derby and Oaks were run at Newmarket instead of at Epsom, the Cambridgeshire, for the first time, took place at Nottingham, and there was no official St. Leger. The best that could be done was to stage the Yorkshire St. Leger at Thirsk on the last day of the season.

The greatest blow the sport received was the suspension for three months in what should have been the best part of the season. There was no racing in the South after June, meetings being held in the Midlands and the North in addition to Newmarket.

Djebel In France

A French horse, Djebel, won the 2,000 Guineas and then went back to his own country. When France capitulated Djebel was reported to have been sent to Germany, but he has since reported to have won a race in France.

Many meetings were cancelled at short notice, and as there was no rule which provided for them to be held elsewhere the Stewards of the Jockey Club decided to modify the Rules of Racing so that every race closing after Nov. 1, 1940, could be run on any course selected by them. This was a wise move, for previously when a meeting was abandoned the races had to be re-opened and fresh entries made.

It was fortunate for Mr. Fred Darling, the owner of Pont l'Eveque, that new entries had to be made for the Derby, as the horse was not in the original race.

Aga Khan Sells

During the year, the Aga Khan sold his Derby winners, Bahram and Mahmoud, to American breeders. Sir Abe Bailey died in South Africa, and Mr. J. B. Joel in England. Both were at one time among the strongest supporters of the Turf. Horses were sold at ridiculously low prices at the Newmarket Sales, and small prices brought out huge fields at some meetings.

Gordon Richards is the champion jockey for the fourteenth time in fifteen years. He rode 68 winners, had 56 seconds, 47 thirds, and was unplaced on 172 occasions. For the first time in his career, Gordon won the Lincolnshire Handicap and the Cesarewitch.

The Derby again eluded him. He was unplaced on Tant Mieux, a stable-companion of Pont l'Eveque. Two years previously Gordon was in the same position when Bois Roussel won for Fred Darling's stable. On that occasion the champion rode the better-fancied stable companion, Pasch.

The best apprentices were again R. Lacey, K. Mullins and C. Littlewood. All three had a good season, but Lacey had a bad fall at Nottingham which stopped him from riding for the remainder of the season.

Godiva Wins

Godiva was the best three-year-old filly. She won the 1,000

Guineas, and New Oaks with ease. Many people thought that she was better than Pont l'Eveque. When racing stopped, Godiva was sent to Ireland where she met with a fatal accident.

It was uncertain which was the best of the two-year-olds until the last week of the season, when Poise, owned by Mr. J. A. Dewar, conclusively proved his right to be regarded as such when he easily won the Back End Stakes at Newmarket. Unfortunately, he was not entered for any of the classic races. Even if he had been he would not have been eligible to compete as he is a gelding, and the classics are open only to entire colts and fillies.

Poise is trained by Fred Darling at Beckhampton. In that stable is probably also the best two-year-old filly, a daughter of Unidwar and Rosetta. Like Poise, she has yet to be beaten.

The King won only one race during the season. This was with Merry Wanderer, a useful two-year-old who should do further good service in the Royal colours. The colt is engaged in the 2,000 Guineas and the Derby in 1941, but will have to improve considerably if he is to win a classic race. *Reuter.*

GORDON RICHARDS' PIGEONS

For a long time Gordon Richards has been doing voluntary service of a military character in connection with pigeons, writes a correspondent.

He is a well-known fancier and owns one of the finest lofts in the world.

He has given these pigeons, which have won him many races and are worth £2,000, to the Government.

Richards, who is 36, will probably be called to the Colours before flat-racing is resumed in the Spring, and the man who has been champion jockey of Britain more times than any other—14 in 15 years—and whose earnings have constituted a Turf record will be looking at life with the eyes of a soldier.

Gordon's income for years has been five figures. His retainer has been around £5,000 a year. I have myself attended championship dinners which must have cost around £1,000 each—figures which will appear monumental on the 1s. 6d. a day soldier's rations.

Soldier-jockeys are worried by the question of leave. Some are generously treated by their commanding officers; others are not so lucky.

Only the other day I shook hands with a successful rider who feared he would not see a race-course again until the end of the war.

CRICKET AGAIN OFF

The final fixture of the Volunteer cricket week which should have been played at Hong Kong Cricket Club to-day between the Officers and Sergeants, and Other Ranks, has been cancelled. Both previous fixtures were also cancelled.

The match between K.C.C. and R.A.S.C. which should have been played at Cox's Road to-day has also been cancelled.

To-day's Badminton

Following is to-day's "B" Division League Badminton programme:—
J.R.C. v. Recrelo
St. Andrew's v. St. John's
Kowloon v. Police
Tong v. Police
The match between Chung Wah and King's College was played on February 10.

'VARSITY SOCCER MATCH

There is the true story of an Oxford Undergraduate walking down the High one boat-race morning and saying to a passer-by: "Excuse me, sir, but can you tell me the date of the Boat Race?"

If that exaggerates the lack of interest of modern Oxford in one of the two events which at one time carried the only Blues cricket was the other—it is pathetically true of the inter-Varsity Soccer match, latest of which was played recently, writes L. V. Manning.

The first war-time game played at Oxford last December was, I remember, entirely surrounded by other diversions, including a Rugby game and a girls' Undergraduate hockey match. The athletic club had, in great restraint, refrained from using the running track.

And the hundred odd who looked on seemed to find as much to watch in the hockey as in the Soccer.

Which was understandable. There were some very pretty girls.

The soccer match (a 2-2 draw) should be remembered not for the football, but for the perseverance in the face of much discouragement of the little group of enthusiasts which averted a gap in the historic sequence.

CRICKET, SOCCER LOSSES

Here's something which reflects the sort of war this is (so far) compared with last time, writes L. V. Manning.

I do not know the actual number of soccer footballers and cricketers killed in the first 15 months of Great War No. 1, but it ran into hundreds. So far, four first-class cricketers and seven Football League professionals have been killed. The four cricketers were amateurs, three of them being former County captains—F. T. Eekersley (Lancashire), R. P. Nelson (Northants), G. B. Legge (Kent), and R. E. C. Butterworth (Middlesex).

The seven footballers are Tom Cooper (Liverpool), Frank Carpenter (Manchester United), Robert Gordon (Huddersfield Town), Joseph Carr (Sheffield United), Grenville Roberts (Nottingham Forest), Stanley Docking (Tranmere Rovers), and Ernest Bell (Aldershot).

In addition, Charles Jones (Southend) was reported missing from a trawler fleet in October.

VETERAN BOWLER'S SPLENDID FEAT

Here is the story of Freddie Fischer, veteran Buffalo bowler who at the age of 51 won the sport's most coveted honour—the A.B.C. all-events championship—with a smashing total of 2001 pins.

Freddie Fischer has been bowling for 39 years, but it was only seven years ago that he picked up the finesse which last spring brought him the sport's most coveted achievement—the American Bowling Congress all-events championship.

And he picked up that finesse in the kitchen.

Not that Fischer wasn't a good enough bowler before. He started at 12, and has been among the best in Buffalo since he was 14. Although he has no records on the thousands of games he has rolled, his lifetime average is 200 pins—and you don't get an average like that without being at least pretty good.

But for 32 years he rolled a straight ball, relied on uncanny control.

Then seven years ago Andy Varipapa, the trick artist, visited Fischer for several days, taught him to roll a hook ball. They spent long hours practicing in the kitchen in Fischer's home, rolling the ball back and forth until Fischer got onto the technique of pulling out his thumb at just the right moment and imparting spin with his fingers.

Applying that technique on the alleys was easy after that. Fischer's game improved steadily.

It improved so much that at 51—when most bowlers are way past their prime—he won the A. B. C. all-events title in Detroit.

He became one of the oldest men in A.B.C. history to take the championship, although Phil Wolfe, now dead, won in 1928 at 60.

Mark Surpassed Only Six Times

To win this super-honour, Fischer rolled a total score of 2001 pins, a mark which has been surpassed only six times in the tournament's history.

The highest score is 2070, held by Max Stein of Belleville, Ind.

Fischer's scores were 688 in the five-man team event, 667 in the two-man and 646 in the individual event—an average of more than 222 pins for each of nine games. His main trouble was with the No. 10 pin. He shot at it 19 times in the nine games.

When he got a telegram telling him he had won the all-events, Fischer figured he was just about the happiest man in the country. Fischer's entire life revolves around bowling. He is proprietor of one of Buffalo's finest bowling layouts, and has his whole family interested.

He and his son, Fred, Jr., have a standing offer to bowl any father and son in the country. It's a

challenge that has stood for five years without takers. There are two daughters, too—Gladys, who rolls about 165, and Betty, who is just starting.

Fischer has taken part in 25 A. B. C. tournaments, and in that time the best bowlers all over the country have learned to know him.

Fischer Aspires To Repeat In '41

In Buffalo, they all know Freddie Fischer—good and bad bowlers alike. Most of them call him Kuemmel Week Fischer—a name he picked up from working in his father's bakery as a boy. Kuemmel Week is the German term for a kind of caraway-seed-topped bun.

In addition to his stint in the bakery, Kuemmel Week worked setting up pins in a bowling alley just three doors from his home, and that's how it all started.

After 30 years, he's still active, although he doesn't bowl as many games as he did 10 or 20 years ago. He says his control isn't quite what it once was, but the hook still gets 'em.

He tends bar at his bowling establishment, still finds time to bowl with a team that's entered in three leagues, with an average of 197 for 99 games so far this season.

Fischer is going to the A.B.C. tournament in St. Paul determined to repeat or at least to take one of the event titles—a feat never accomplished in A.B.C. history in successive years.

He may not beat out all of the 30,000 bowlers who will roll, but Freddie Kuemmel Week Fischer will at least be up among the contenders, and if he can get that 10 pin to fall, watch out!

GARRISON SNOOKER

Latest results of matches played in the Garrison Snooker League are:

R. A. Station Sergeants' Mess, (Stanley) 3, Royal Army Medical Corps, 3; Royal Engineers "A", 4, Royal Signals Corps Mess, 2; Royal Engineers Sergeants' Mess, 4, Royal Signals "A", 2; Royal Army Pay Corps, 3, Corps of Military Police, 3.

TABLE TO DATE		P. W. L. D. Pts.
R.A.M.C.	5	2 0 3 21
R.E. "A"	5	2 0 3 17
R.E. Sergeants' Mess	5	2 1 2 17
R.A. Sergeants' Stanley	5	1 0 4 16
C. M. Police	5	1 0 4 16
Royal Signals Cpls.	5	1 2 2 13
R.A.P.C.	5	1 2 2 12
Royal Signals "A"	5	0 5 0 7



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ISOLATION HOLDS FLOOR

Sharp Attacks On Roosevelt Policy In Senate

Italians Under No Illusion

WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN INDICATION OF ITALIAN REALISATION OF THE DIFFICULTIES AHEAD OF THEM IN EAST AFRICA IS CONTAINED IN A TELEGRAM FROM THE DUKE OF AOSTA, VICEROY OF ABYSSINIA, TO THE DUCE THANKING HIM FOR PROMOTION AS GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE AND QUOTED BY ROME RADIO YESTERDAY.

The Duce says, inter alia: "We will last somehow at any cost," adding that the Italian people are ready for any sacrifice for the achievement of victory.

The announcer, commenting, said: "The Duke attains this rank on the battlefield for at this moment he is leading his men in one of the hardest battles ever fought by the Italian army against a well armed and well prepared enemy." — Reuter.

DULLNESS ON THE STOCK MARKET

Dullness persisted on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Gilt-edged recovered early losses and Kaffirs were firmly held and occasionally higher; elsewhere the market generally was heavy. Industrials were dull and textiles, brewers, steels, stores and tobaccos were all lower. Losses were also recorded in tins, rubbers, and oils and some selling of home rails was witnessed. Japanese bonds recovered further. Wall Street was very quiet. — Reuter.

'Gamble' On British Victory!

OPENING THE opposition's attack in the Senate on the Lease and Lend Bill yesterday Senator Clark (Missouri) said he saw the Bill as a gamble "upon the one card of complete British victory, taking the United States to the very brink of war."

"As much as I admire the heroism of the British in the defence of their own island I am entirely unwilling to commit this country to the defence of the British Empire around the world."

Senator Clark urged that American taxpayers should not be asked to make sacrifices by the adoption of measures which Canada, New Zealand and Australia were not called upon to enact.

Hopes for a relatively quiet approval of the Bill by the Senate were raised when Senator Clark said the opposition did not desire to prolong the debate unduly and referred to "a few brief days."

Opponents of the Bill held the floor of the Senate throughout the day.

"War G.H.Q."

Senator Vandenberg, though emphasising his personal support of aid for Britain, declared the White House had become "the general headquarters for the second World War."

He asserted the Bill would make President Roosevelt power politician number one of the

world. Senator Gerald Nye, who followed, asked whether President Roosevelt was entertaining the notion of a permanent alliance with Britain. — Reuter.

CANADA'S NEW WAR BUDGET

MR. J. L. ILSLEY, CANADA'S FINANCE MINISTER, WILL ASK FOR \$1,300,000,000 FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THE WAR DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1941/1942, COMPARED WITH \$700,000,000 THE PRECEDING YEAR.

This sum, plus \$443,000,000 which Mr. Ilesley estimated to be necessary to cover all requirements except in the air, brings the total expenditure for 1941/1942 to \$1,743,000,000. — Reuter.

FEATS OF SOUTH AFRICAN AIRMEN

THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE, OPERATING IN EAST AFRICA, HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ARTHUR LONGMORE, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST.

"Best congratulations to the South African Air Force on its splendid contribution to success in the offensive now taking place. I am following their activities with great interest." — Reuter.

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MINESWEEPER SUNK

The Admiralty (says a Reuter cable from London) announces that the minesweeper Huntly has been sunk. Next of kin have been informed.

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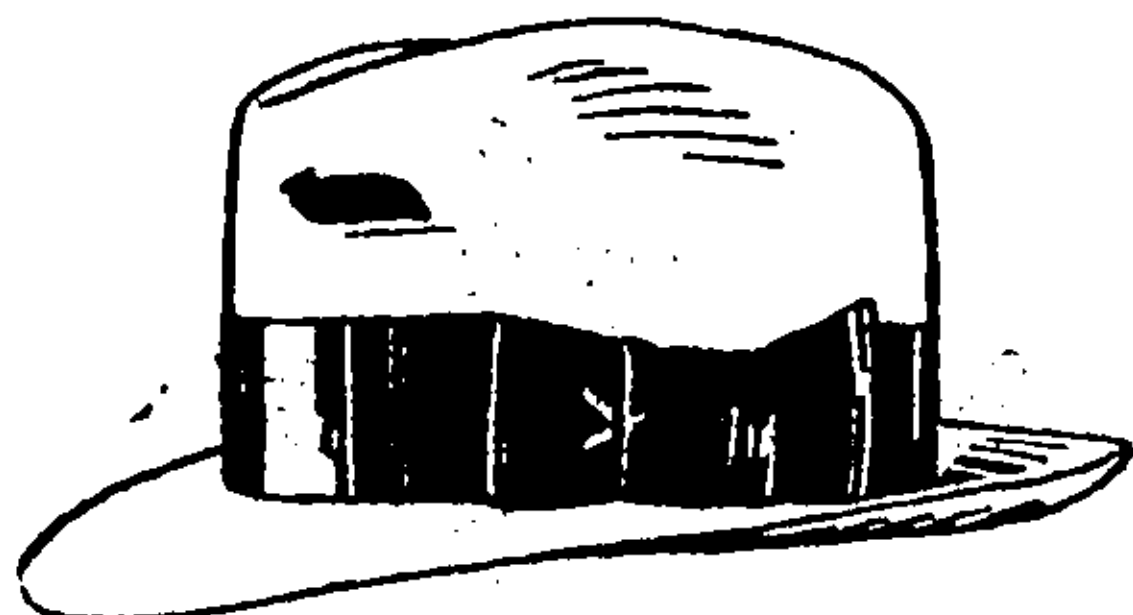


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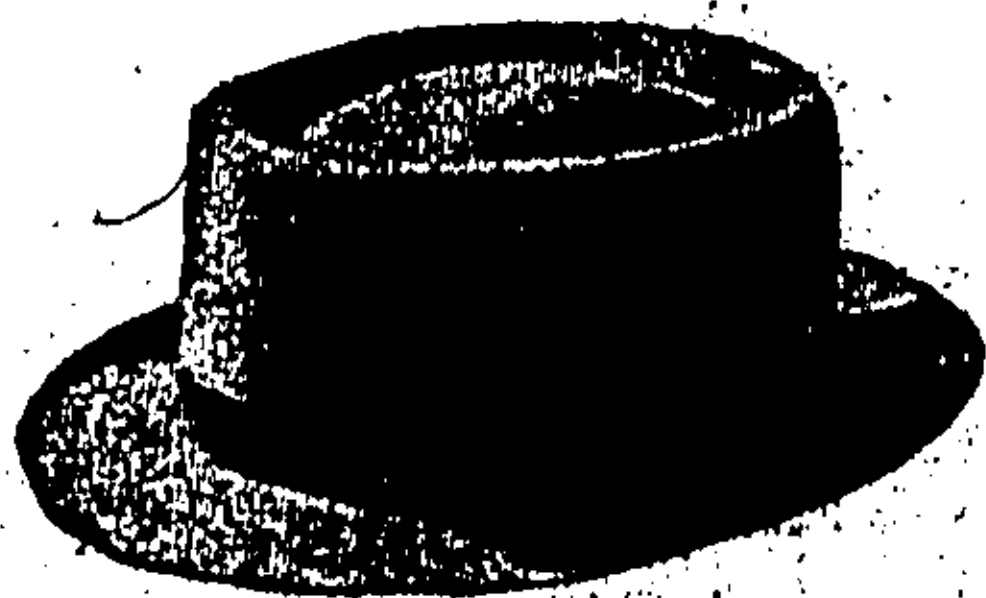


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GERMANY EXPECTS MASSIVE RAIDS

Germany is being prepared for "massive bombardments" in an expected big-scale British air offensive in the Spring, the independent French news agency correspondent on the German frontier reports.

WAVES OF MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE REICH ARE GETTING THE PEOPLE READY FOR WHAT IS TO COME. THE EVACUATION OF THREATENED TOWNS IS PROCEEDING AHEAD AND TRAINLOADS OF GERMAN CITIZENS ARE ARRIVING DAILY IN AUSTRIA.

The inspection and overhauling of all shelters and the building of new ones has been ordered, even as far as Austria.

German armament industries are increasing orders to factories in occupied territories, notably France, believed safe from R.A.F. attack.

Orders for several hundred million marks are principally for high precision machine-tools, optical instruments, armoured cars and motor-cars.—Reuter.

DARLAN AGAIN IN PARIS

Admiral Darlan arrived in Paris yesterday afternoon: object of his visit is being kept a secret but well-informed quarters in Paris say he will confer once more with Pierre Laval.

Admiral Darlan's first talk on arrival was with the Vichy envoy, the Comte de Brinon. It is indicated that other subjects than Laval's personal position may be reviewed.

In Admiral Darlan's talk with Marshal Petain and General Huntziger it was thought the defence aspect of France's relations with Germany must have been considered.

Meanwhile the German-controlled Paris radio has renewed its threatening campaign for closer "collaboration" with Germany. "It would seem that France, distrusting Germany, only makes superficial promises of collaboration with a number of mental reservations," one speaker said.—Reuter.

Pacific Islands And Bases Within New Defence Zones

TWO ENEMY BOMBERS SHOT DOWN

Single German aircraft dropped bombs in East Anglia and at a few places in south and south-east England during daylight yesterday, according to an Air Ministry communique.

These generally did little harm but at two places some damage and casualties were caused.

British fighters destroyed two enemy bombers.—Reuter.

U.S. Navy Chief Cautious

Asked whether it was possible that further United States warships could be transferred to Britain, Admiral Stark, U.S. Navy Chief, told newspapermen in Washington yesterday:

"Not for the moment but what will happen later I cannot tell.

"Trying to legislate for what may happen six months from now is impossible. The world is full of surprises these days."

Earlier Admiral Stark had called at the White House where he conferred with President Roosevelt, but he declined to state the purpose of the visit.

He was accompanied by Rear Admiral Gormley, who visited Britain a few months ago.—Reuter.

A "KEEP OUT" WARNING TO FOREIGN SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT WAS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY IN THE FORM OF AN ORDER AFFECTING AMERICAN NAVAL OUTPOSTS IN THE PACIFIC AND CARIBBEAN.

In effect it warns foreign ships and aircraft to "keep out unless you have the permission of the United States to enter."

The order creates "defensive sea areas" and "air space reservations" which no ships or aircraft except those belonging to the United States may enter without the authority of the Secretary of the United States Navy.

The order becomes effective in 90 days from last Friday. It will extend naval control of ship and aircraft movements beyond harbours which have previously been declared closed.

New Areas Affected

The newly affected areas extend three nautical miles seaward around Cilebra Island, east of Puerto Rico; Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; Kiska and Unalaska Islands, off Alaska; and the Pacific islands of Palmyra, Johnson, Midway, Wake, Kingman Reef, Rose, Tutuila and Guam.

Forbidden harbours include the great harbour at Culebra;

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Pearl Harbour, Hawaii; Guam harbour; Subic Bay, the Philippines; Kiska harbour and

The fleet anchorage in the Long Beach-San Pedro area off the Californian coast.—Reuter.

ANGLO-AMERICAN COLLABORATION

MR. AVERELL HARRIMAN, THE AMERICAN FINANCIER, IS TO PROCEED TO ENGLAND WITHIN A FORTNIGHT TO EXPEDITE DEFENCE ARRANGEMENTS.

President Roosevelt announced this at his press conference yesterday and indicated that Mr. Harriman will handle such questions as British defence estimates, priorities and contracts.—Reuter.

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GREECE APPROVES

Greek opinion has received the Turco-Bulgarian pact favourably, judging from comments in yesterday morning's newspapers.

The Athens papers point out that it is emphasised in the declaration that the agreement is "without prejudice to contracted undertakings with regard to other countries."

The declaration, it is added, is governed by the spirit of "good neighbourly" relations and, as the Turkish Foreign Minister stated, it is capable of a further drawing of the Balkans away from undesirable complications.—Reuter.

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RAID ON SUEZ CANAL

Enemy planes raided the Suez Canal area early yesterday morning, it is announced in an official communique in Cairo.

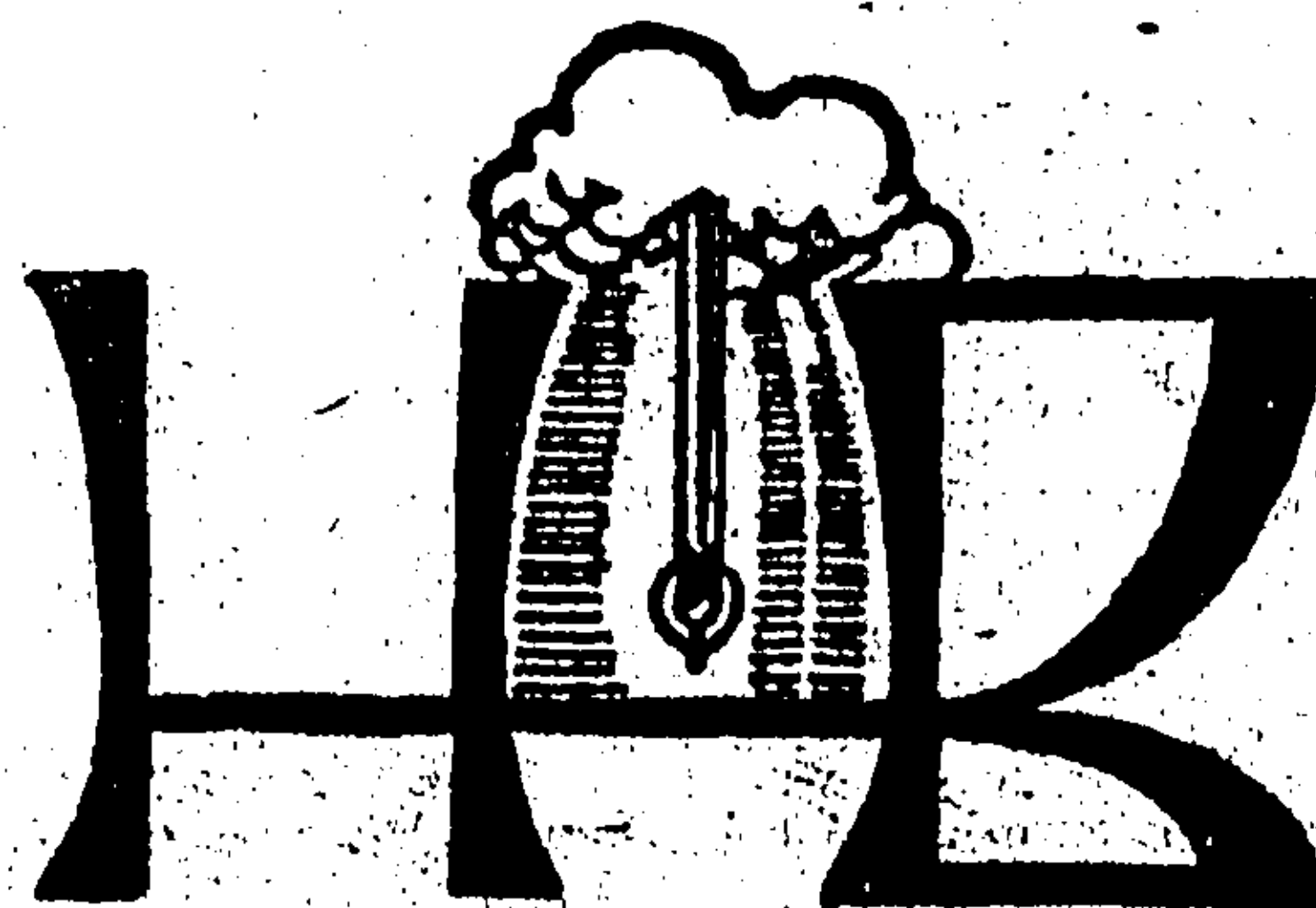
Bombs were dropped but there was no damage or casualties.

The communique adds that "alarms were also sounded in certain other eastern parts of Lower Egypt." — Reuter.

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—AND THEN TRY!

Britain Warned To Prepare For New Rationing Orders

NECESSITY OF CARE WITH SHIPPING

ENORMOUS DAMAGE AT SANTANDER

The fire which devastated Santander is now under control.

First estimates place the damage at £6,250,000.

The Bank of Spain building, though in the middle of the fire area, was undamaged. —Reuter.

BRITAIN'S HIGHER ESTIMATES

A considerable increase in the cost of running certain Government departments appears in the 1941 estimates, in a vote on account presented in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Foreign Office estimates are £833,760, compared with £474,917 for the year ended March 31, 1941.

The Colonial and Dominions Office estimates are up.

India and Burma services are expected to cost £2,180,743 against an estimate for the present year of £2,116,319.

The estimate for broadcasting is, for the coming year, £5,600,000, against £4,700,000.

Token Votes

A number of departments present only token votes for their expenditure, including the Ministries of Aircraft Production, of Economic Warfare, of Shipping and of Supply.

The secret service is represented in a token vote of £100.

The civil and revenue department estimates for the coming year total £534,298,535 compared with £522,542,588 for the year ending March 31. — Reuter.

IMMORALITY IN SHELTERS

Immorality in London's public air-raid shelters, particularly during the "All clear" periods, is growing, according to the observers of the Public Morality Council.

"Even in crowded shelters during night raids there are opportunities for immorality in dimly-lit corners," the Council's secretary, Mr. G. Tomlinson, said.

The Council is appealing to the Commissioner of Police for a twenty-four-hour watch on the shelters and the provision of more policemen and police-women.

"There is no doubt that the evil is growing and it must be stamped out as quickly as possible," Mr. Tomlinson said.

"Our observers are preparing a report, which will be placed before the Commissioner of Police. It makes distasteful reading.

"In the Hyde Park area we have evidence that there is a good deal of soliciting and prostitution going on in the daytime."

REVIEWING BRITAIN'S food situation in the House of Lords yesterday Lord Woolton, the Food Minister, said Britain would have to be ready for much greater restrictions than had yet been experienced but said that though Britain had lost ships and would lose more ships she had not lost command of the seas and would still import.

"We shall," he said, "find the importing capacity of this country reduced because of the care it is necessary for us to take of our ships. Food supplies brought to this country are not in imminent danger of air attack.

"Our port facilities, which have been reduced, will be reduced still further. Our merchant seamen have neither lost their skill, courage nor enterprise. They will bring ships to these shores.

"I believe dock labourers and shipyard workers will spare no efforts to see that these ships are unloaded quickly and speedily repaired in shipyards if needs be."

Animal Protein

Stating we had grown luxurious and must be ready for greater restrictions than we had yet experienced, Lord Woolton said: "I may say without undue optimism that our bread position is strong."

Stating that Britain's greatest weakness was animal protein, Lord Woolton continued that in the last war we had considerable supplies of bacon, cheese, eggs and meat from the Low Countries which were not available to us in this war.

"It would be wrong of me not to disclose that I am greatly concerned about the shortage of some of these commodities and particularly cheese," said Lord Woolton.

Referring to certain ships used to take troops to the Mediterranean, which formerly used to bring meat to Britain, Lord Woolton added: "As long as the Mediterranean campaign is on I see no possibility of our getting these ships back or of increasing the meat ration."

Dual Purpose Crops

"But meat is not our only form of food. We have potatoes, we have vegetables, we have oiled fats. We have so much oil in this country that we can go on for a long time.

"We have also milk, and with these things we can get all the energy, food and health we need.

"We have asked farmers to produce those crops which will make our dairy herds and cattle as little dependent on imported food as possible, beans, kale and dual purpose crops.

"Carrots have become part of the national diet, while our supplies of fruit, either home grown or from other countries, will not be more than 50 per cent of what they have been in the past, and therefore the importance of the carrot is very clear to those who are considering problems connected with vitamins in the national diet.

The Onion

"The Ministry of Agriculture has arranged for the planting of 30,000 acres of carrots this year.

"I do not know whether onions are part of the national diet or not but their scarcity has at any rate provided a national joke.

"I have asked for the planting of 14,000 acres of onions."

Dealing with the maintenance of existing stocks of pigs, poultry and cattle, Lord Woolton said it was very important that we should not attempt to maintain more cattle in Britain than we could successfully feed.

Powdered Milk

In conclusion he remarked that he had arranged for the importation of all the powdered milk we could get from overseas, and we

were holding in Britain powdered milk so that in the event of an emergency we would be able to secure the supply of milk to the public.

It had also been decided to bring oranges to Britain to the greatest extent of our capacity. — Reuter.

Army Rations Queried

The debate on the food situation was raised by Viscount Bledisloe, who asked if Government were satisfied as to the prospective availability during the current year of an essential foods in sufficient quantity to provide adequate rations for the civilian population, the fighting forces and indispensable animals.

Lord Dawson expressed the view there should be more near equitation between food granted to the forces and to civilians particularly as this was a totalitarian war—the first of its kind in which civilians contributed a larger measure of fighting than ever before. He asked therefore for a review of Army rations.

Replying on the debate Lord Woolton referred to the dangers of the submarine and remarked that the problem was to get most essential foods into the country. So long as people knew the problems and knew they were being handled impartially and with courage and foresight they would face up to them.

Fortified Bread

Assisted by scientific advice he had secured that there would be an adequate supply of white bread for those whom some considered were ill-advised enough to desire it. There would also in months to come be fortified bread and in this the authorities were following the Americans who were already engaged in this fortification of bread. For others there would be whole meal bread in quantities to meet their needs.

Simpler Living

"It is impossible for any nation to wage war and live up to the standards we have grown accustomed to. We must be ready for greater restrictions. We shall have to go back to the days of simpler living when we depended on our own land and when in it we grew the very healthy race that has made the modern world of to-day.

We shall be no worse either in body or in mind for great dependence on things we can grow.

Our plans for home production and for importation are carefully co-related. Agricultural policy has been worked out to plan. The agricultural committees of the country have been told just what we want and the evidence of the last year has demonstrated quite clearly that farmers will leave nothing in their capacity undone for our nation's needs."

REGARDING MILITARY RATIONS LORD WOOLTON SAID REPRESENTATIONS TO THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES ON LINES SUGGESTED BY LORD DAWSON HAD BEEN MET WITH A CORDIAL RESPONSE AND IT WOULD NOT BE LONG BEFORE SOMETHING WAS DONE TO MEET CRITICISM SO FAIRLY MADE. — BRITISH WIRELESS.



Members of the Polish Air Force, these men of a Polish squadron of the R.A.F. fought the enemy over their own country and afterwards continued the fight in France with the Armée de l'Air. They were formed into an R.A.F. operational squadron only a few months ago but quickly obtained fame, for in the month of September they shot down a record bag of 109 enemy aircraft, including 10 Dorniers and 3 Me 109 definitely destroyed and two more Dorniers and two more Me 109 probably destroyed, in a single day. Their total tally of raids is now over 126. This squadron is led by British flight commanders and a major of the Polish Air Force. Photo shows two ace Polish pilots with F/Lt. J. A. Kent, A. F. C. and newly awarded the D.F.C., one of the British flight commanders. (Copyright, Fox).

FOUGHT IN BLAZING 'PLANE: V.C.

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT James Brindley Nicolson, who refused though wounded, to jump from a blazing Hurricane till he had destroyed his enemy, has been awarded the V.C.

This is the thirteenth V.C. of the war, and the first to be awarded to a fighter pilot.

Nicolson, who is twenty-three, is one of the tallest pilots in the R.A.F.—he is 6ft. 4in. His father, who lives in Buckingham Road, Shoreham, Sussex, was an airman in the last war.

The exploit which won him the V.C. was his first fight.

He was out on patrol with his squadron, No. 249, over the Southampton area in the afternoon of August 16 when he was detailed to chase a Junkers 88.

"Manners, You Hun."

Suddenly four cannon shells from a Messerschmidt 110 tore into his plane. He was wounded in the foot and left eye. His spare petrol tank exploded, setting his plane on fire.

Then he found that the Messerschmidt had overtaken him and was right on his gun sight. As both planes dived at about 400 m.p.h. he pressed his gun button. "When I saw the Messerschmidt in front of me, I remember shouting out, 'I'll teach you some manners, you Hun,'" he said later. "I am glad I got him. I did not think of anything at that time but to shoot him down."

Pretended To Be Dead

"Curiously enough, although the heat inside must have been intense, in the excitement I did not feel much pain. In fact, I remember watching the skin being burnt off my left hand. All I was concerned about was keeping the throttle open to get my first Hun."

The Messerschmidt zigzagged, trying to avoid the stream of fire, but in vain. Eye-witnesses saw it crash into the sea.

Nicolson then baled out. As he floated down another German fighter screamed past, and he pretended he was dead.

After fifty minutes in the air at the end of his parachute he landed a quarter of a mile inland.

"Sorry Darling"

He was suffering agonies of pain, but to the people who came to his help he insisted on dictating a telegram. It was to his wife, and said:

"Sorry. Shot down, darling. Slight injuries. All my love, Nic." Those "slight injuries" were so serious that doctors had to fight

for his life for forty-eight hours, but he has now almost recovered. Nicolson's wife, who lives at Kirkby Wharfe, Yorkshire, gave birth to a son a month after the fight.

"Important Baby"

She proudly displayed to a reporter the tattered tunic and charred boots of her husband, and said:

"I could not kiss him and tell him how delighted I was about the V.C. because he is still in hospital in the south of England.

"So when I heard about it I rushed home and kissed baby. I just said, 'You are the most important baby in the world to-day.' He laughed and chuckled as though he knew all about it."

76 CARRIED ON IN 3 WARS

"I've served my customers through three wars, never failed them once, so why should I let a few bombs upset me?"

"Mind you, I'm not brave. I don't like them, but I shall carry on."

That's what seventy-six-year-old Miss Fanny Orage, Clapham, London, news-seller, has to say about the blitz.

The windows and doors of her little shop, which she has run for fifty-seven years, have been blown in; many of her customers have gone into the country; and the church in which she sang as a chorister has been bombed.

"That man Hitler! If I had a revolver—gentleman—though I am—I'd shoot him for what he's done to me!" this frail little woman told a reporter.

But though bombs may scream down, the guns roar, and shell fragments rattle on the roof, Miss Orage gets up just the same, at 4 a.m. to receive her morning papers and sort them ready for her newsboys.

"A woman of my age must keep calm and carry on, even if it's just to set an example to other folks," she said.

KEEPING OPEN OUR LIFE-LINES

Mr. A.V. Alexander On The Effort Of The Navy

Vast Expansion Of Escort Ships

"THE VERY HEART OF OUR STRUGGLE IS KEEPING OPEN OUR LIFE-LINES TO THE WORLD AND ESPECIALLY TO THE UNITED STATES," DECLARED MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, IN A BROADCAST REVIEW FROM LONDON YESTERDAY OF THE NAVY'S WORK.

MEETS THE OLD SOLDIERS

Old soldiers greeted General Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief, India, when he attended a Soldiers' Board meeting at Bulanshahr yesterday.

Replying in Urdu to an address of welcome (in which it was stated that under General Auchinleck's leadership India would take a full share in the struggle), the Commander-in-Chief said the British Navy, Army and Air Force were undefeated.

The Air Force was daily gaining in strength, the enemy in Africa was routed and victory was certain.

He added he had seen many Indian soldiers in the Sudan. They were cheerful and well looked after.

He expressed pleasure at the Board's assistance in raising recruits.

The meeting was followed by a demonstration of the manoeuvrability and striking power of tanks on which the old soldiers were invited. —Reuter.

100 YEARS IN HOME— STILL DOES HOUSEWORK

Mrs. Mary Ann Gunns has lived in the tiny village of Stow Bridge, Norfolk, where she was born, for 100 years. She has never left it.

Her 100th birthday celebrations yesterday did not interfere with her household duties. Without assistance she keeps house for a son and a grandson, and even does their washing.

N.Z. ENTERS INTO DIPLOMACY

The United States and New Zealand have decided to exchange diplomatic representatives, Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, announced at a press conference in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

The construction of every type of escort vessel, he said, was being speeded up to the full and Britain's shipbuilding capacities were being employed to the full.

"We shall take full advantage of what the United States and the Dominions can do as regards the construction of merchant shipping."

Mr. Alexander continued: "With the assistance of American materials and shipbuilding I see no reason to expect anything but that we shall win through, and the figures of shipping losses for the last nine weeks are encouraging."

Referring to possible invasion attempts Mr. Alexander said: "We have repeatedly heard of the feelings of despair among soldiers who have known they may be fated to perish in this reckless folly, and while remorselessly impelled, by yielding to the pressure of events, towards this desperate gamble of invasion, another nightmare of Germany has come true, namely a war on two fronts, due to the collapse of Italy which let the German plans down."

No Flash In The Pan

"Our great successes in Africa are no flash in the pan."

"If, in pursuit of a quick end to his desperate gamble against time, an attempt at invasion is made, the men whom Hitler condemns to the task will play a terrible role."

"They will be an army of the doomed, doomed because of Hitler's fatal miscalculations."

In Mediterranean

Reviewing the position in the Mediterranean, Mr. Alexander said that the dive-bombing attacks on the Fleet off Malta cost the enemy about ninety machines.

The Dive-Bomber

"We may leave the dive-bomber to be dealt with by Admiral Cunningham. We shall break the threat of the Stukas just as we have broken the threat of the Italian Navy."

"We hold the initiative in the Mediterranean and we shall continue to use it."

"On the flank of our advancing army and preventing reinforcements and supplies from reaching Marshal Graziani, naval vessels acted as water carriers for our troops and transported an embarrassingly large number of Italian prisoners who fell into our hands with such obvious pleasure and relief."

"The Navy is now carrying out similar operations in support of our South African troops and the Air Force units who have penetrated Italian Somaliland, have already captured Ki-mayu and are pressing northward. Reuter."

Consternation in Italy

Mr. Alexander recalled he had not spoken over the radio since the exploit of the Fleet Air Arm at Taranto. Since then, both in the eastern and western Mediterranean, the Fleet had carried out operations which caused much surprise and consternation to the Italians.

Mr. Alexander instanced the bombardments of Genoa, Pisa and Leghorn.

On their first appearance, German dive bombers had inflicted considerable damage on warships escorting a convoy but the convoy got through intact and subsequent attacks on illustrious in Malta had been a failure costing the enemy some ninety aeroplanes.

Speaking of the Navy's part in the Libyan campaign Mr. Alexander said there was smooth co-operation and happy comradeship between the Navy, Army and R.A.F.

These victories had caused small privations in Britain because of the diversion of shipping. "You may have gone a little short of butter, tea and meat but you have got Bardia, Tobruk and Benghazi."

Trade Protection

Speaking of the Navy's trade protection duties Mr. Alexander said destroyers, corvettes and sloops during recent months had convoyed over 3,000 ships of which only nine were lost.

"Let me say here that in this work the American Town class destroyers are carrying out invaluable operations."

Although the Navy was doing work which in the last war was shared between the navies of Britain, the U.S., France, Italy and Japan, who between them mustered over 900 destroyers, losses in 1917 were much higher than in 1941. This in spite of the added factors of air attack and the magnetic mine.

Mr. Alexander said events might force Hitler to try an invasion. —British Wireless.

MASTER FOUND DEAD WHILE BOYS PRAY

While boys were assembled at prayers at Kingwell Court Preparatory School at Frankleigh, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, the body of Mr. Sidney Lawson Allan, thirty-seven, principal and proprietor of the school, was found by his housekeeper on a divan.

Police were called and the facts have been reported to Mr. Harold Dale, Wiltshire coroner.

Mr. Allan was to have appeared to-day before Bradford-on-Avon magistrates on a grave charge.



SCENE ON BOARD A DESTROYER — Looking down the muzzles of 4.7" after they have been sponged out. (Copy-right, Fox).

PORTUGUESE HURRICANE DEATH ROLL

It is now known that the number of deaths in the Portuguese cyclone exceeds 100.

Three hundred fishing vessels were destroyed in the port of Sessibra alone, says Reuter from Lisbon.

ELECTROCUTED IN HIS RAID SHELTER

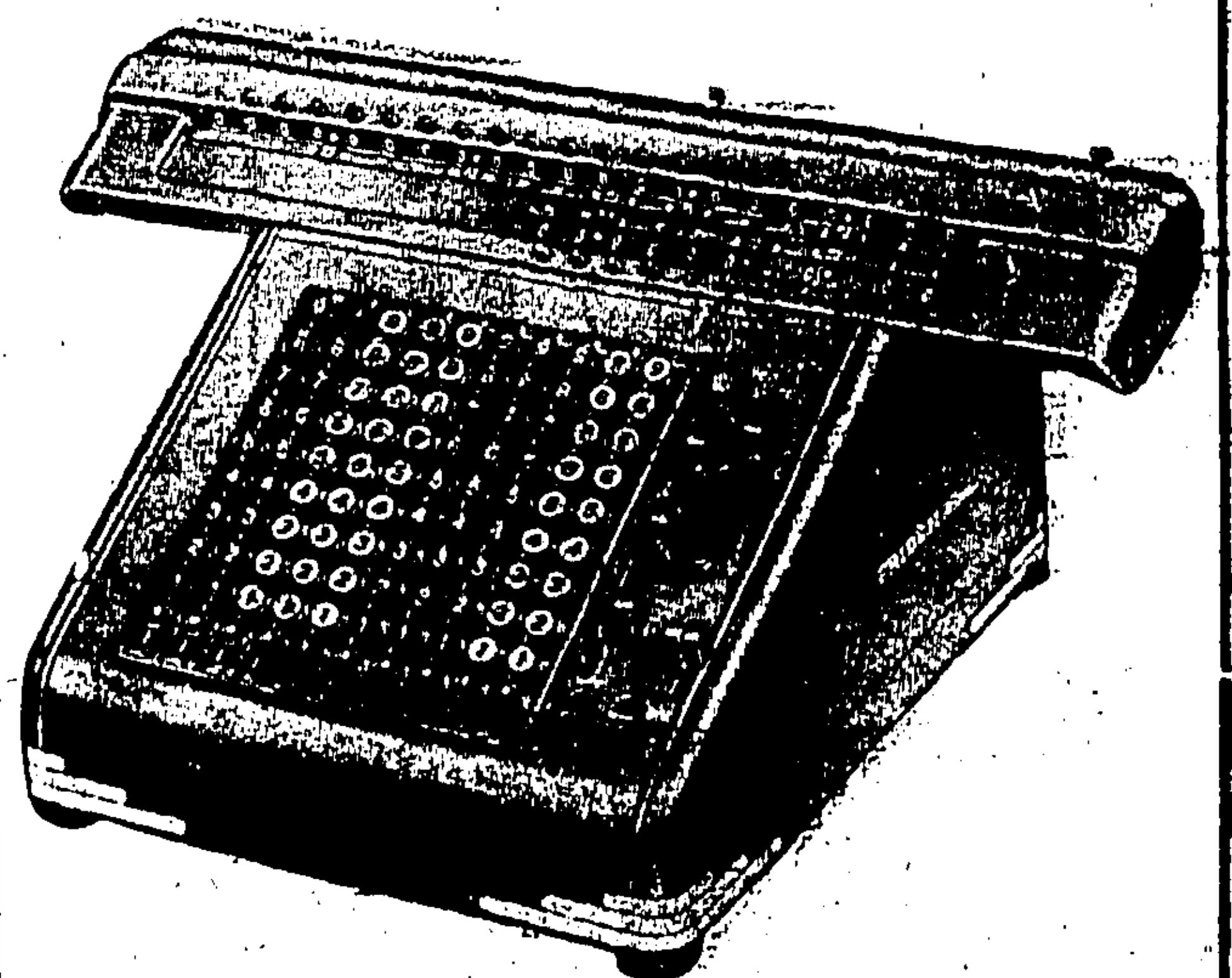
George Richard Shirley, aged thirty-five, a papermaker, of Priory Close, Dartford, Kent, was electrocuted in his air-raid shelter during the night when he went to lift a metal electric table lamp which was connected by a lead to the house.

Hearing his cries, Mrs. Doris Shirley ran into the shelter and found her husband lying on the floor dead.

When she went to take the lamp from his hand she, too, received a shock. In her attempts to let go the lamp she broke the lead, thus disconnecting the current.

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ALLEGATIONS OF A DRIFT TOWARDS THE INFLATION "SPIRAL"

THE GOVERNMENT'S intention to parry the dangers of inflation was again emphasised in Parliament yesterday.

Sir Patrick Hannon, who is a prominent company director, asked whether the Premier had considered a letter from the President of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce "emphasising the drift towards inflation owing to wage increases being followed by a rise in commodity prices."

Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal, replied that the Premier had received the letter referred to and had arranged that the Association have an opportunity of stating their views more fully to the Ministers concerned.

Government were impressed with the dangers of inflation and since the outbreak of war had taken action in a variety of ways to prevent any uncontrolled rise in basic prices.

It would be quite wrong to regard every increase in prices, whatever its nature and scope, as potentially inflationary, but close attention was paid to all significant movements of prices with a view to applying appropriate checks in good time if a dangerous tendency developed. — Reuter.

NEW PAPER- THIN STEEL FOR PLANES

America is almost ready to produce in quantity a new, paper-thin, high-tensile stainless steel, which, it is said, will "revolutionise" construction of aircraft in the United States.

This change from present aluminium alloy construction will be about as complete a change in plane construction as was the world war shift from wood and cloth to all-metal machines.

The new high-tensile steel is said to be thinner than paper. A strip of it hanging limply looks like tinfoil, but it has a tensile strength of 185,000 lb. to the square inch.

According to steel officials, it is three times as strong as the aluminium alloy now used in aeroplane making.

These officials claim that the new product will not rust, that it is not affected by the degree of heat at which aluminium melts and that it is twice as difficult to bend as duralumin.

It has more than double the tensile strength of the stainless steel from which a few years ago the Budd Manufacturing Company built an all-steel aeroplane which they flew all over the United States and Europe in exhibition tests.

However, the new steel is expensive, costing about £200 a ton, or about double the cost of aluminium. But quantity production would bring the price down.

It is understood that some of the cartoons on recent Navy planes have been made of this steel. — Reuter.

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SAILOR SHOT AS AN EXAMPLE

HALF OF THE CREW OF THE FRENCH BATTLESHIP RICHELIEU REFUSED TO FIGHT GENERAL DE GAULLE WHEN HE ATTEMPTED A LANDING AT DAKAR ON SEPTEMBER 24, AND LATER ONE MEMBER WAS SHOT "AS AN EXAMPLE."

This was revealed when Floyd Stokes, an American seaman, reached Cape Town after being stranded in Dakar for sixteen weeks.

When the bombardment of Dakar began, he said, his ship was trapped between the warships and another ship. The crew deserted to a man, seeking shelter outside the town.

French warships used Allied and neutral merchantmen as a screen against the Free French and British warships.

The French authorities, he declared, have seized a number of Allied and neutral ships at Dakar. — Associated Press.

PORTABLE SHELTERS FOR BUSES

Portable shelters, which can be placed upon the pavement, "as and when circumstances require," are mentioned in a letter sent by the London Passenger Transport Board to the Wandsworth Borough Emergency Committee.

The Transport Board state that these shelters are being manufactured following a request from the Government that some temporary shelter be provided for travellers, particularly those who have need to take advantage of the emergency bus services.

Wandsworth have replied, offering all possible facilities for the erection of the shelters.

M.P. IN LEAKY SHELTER

By the light of candles and a hurricane lamp, which they clubbed together to buy, women and children of a street in Lambeth, London, S.E., sit huddled together through the night in their air raid shelter.

When it rains the water seeps through the roof, and in one spot the leak is so bad that a woman had to sleep under an umbrella.

These conditions were described by Mr. G. R. Strauss, Labour M.P. for Lambeth North.

He had been approached by a deputation of women, who begged him to do what he could to alter things.

Commons Question

"I went to see this shelter myself," Mr. Strauss said, "and I was disgusted to find it so bad. The landlords of the property are the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. They erected the shelter and others in Mitre Street and in the neighbouring Ufford Street.

"There is no electric lighting in any of them. But this particular one is the worst. It leaks as well."

"I am going to ask a question in the House of Commons on the subject. These conditions must be remedied."

"It is no joke, sitting through the night with rain coming in and only candles brought by the thirty odd people who use the shelter as light."

"The people have clubbed together and bought a hurricane lamp, but the shelter is still dimly lit."

LITTLE BO-PEEP GROWS WINGS

Two R.A.F. flying instructors who were practising take-offs and landings at their training school were asked by a local farmer if they would try and locate some of his sheep which had strayed.

The farmer told them that he had had a search party out, and that the local police too had joined in the search—all to no avail.

The flying instructors on their next flight soon spotted the lost sheep from the air, and the delighted farmer insisted on their accepting a gift of 2/- for the local Spitfire Fund.

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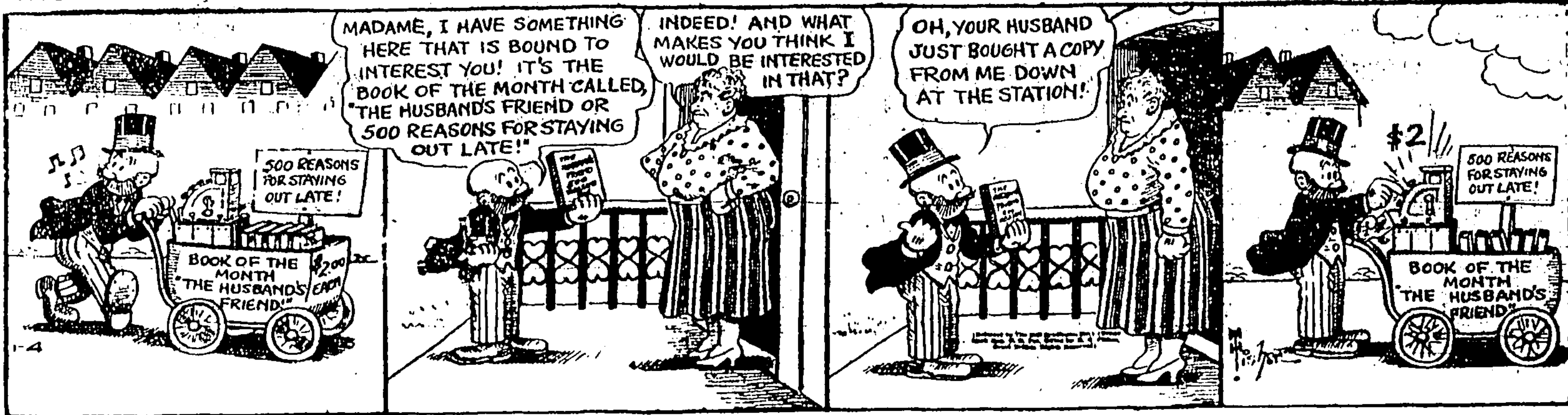
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M.P. AND CONCHIE INQUIRY

Allegations that people who could have given evidence at an inquiry into the treatment of conscientious objectors had been "spirited away" were mentioned in the House of Commons.

Major Milner (Soc., Leeds, E.E.) told Sir Edward Grigg, Financial Secretary to the War Office:

"It has been suggested that some people who might have been witnesses have been spirited away."

He asked if the names of the witnesses at the inquiry could be published.

Sir Edward said he would look into the matter.

Earlier, Sir Edward told Mr. Glenvil Hall (Soc., Colne Valley) that the court of inquiry had met in private and heard evidence from individuals who are alleged to have received ill-treatment. The court was now preparing its report.

Mr. Hall suggested that it was unsatisfactory that the inquiry was held in private.

Sir Edward replied that there was no reason to direct suspicion against those conducting the inquiry. There were objections to holding such an inquiry in public.

WAR WORK FOR 500,000 WOMEN

(By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

EVERY UNEMPLOYED woman in the country will be given the chance of training as a munition worker under a new Ministry of Labour scheme to put 500,000 women into the arms industry. They will get the same pay and allowances as men while training.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, referring to the scheme in Parliament said he would tell employers of the need for giving as many jobs as possible to women.

"The demands of the armed Forces for men," said Mr. Bevin, "are already becoming so great that it is manifest that women must be employed in all forms of production in ever-increasing numbers."

The only initial qualifications for women trainees will be average intelligence and physical fitness. There is no age bar.

Even grandmothers may apply so long as they are hale and hearty.

"We need 500,000 women for our armament factories by next August," Miss Caroline Haslett, Adviser to the Minister of Labour in the training and employment of women, told a reporter.

"The scheme will absorb almost the whole of the large number of

unemployed women of all ages.

"Women accepted for training courses of eight weeks' duration will be sent to technical colleges and engineering works in London and the provinces," she added.

"One of the most important points in the scheme is that the women will receive the same payment and allowances as men get while in training."

What They Will Get

"For the first time it has been recognised that women may have elderly relations to support just as men may have."

Girls aged eighteen to twenty will receive 20s. a week if training locally, plus an allowance of 15s. for an adult dependant upon them.

If they go away to train, they will get a lodging allowance, 5s. pocket money and 30s. for an adult dependant.

Women over twenty-one will get 24s. per week, plus 15s. a week for an adult dependant if training locally.

When training away from home they will get a lodging allowance, usually 19s. a week, plus 7s. pocket money and 30s. for an adult dependant.

Unemployed women are urged by the Ministry to register for the scheme at once.

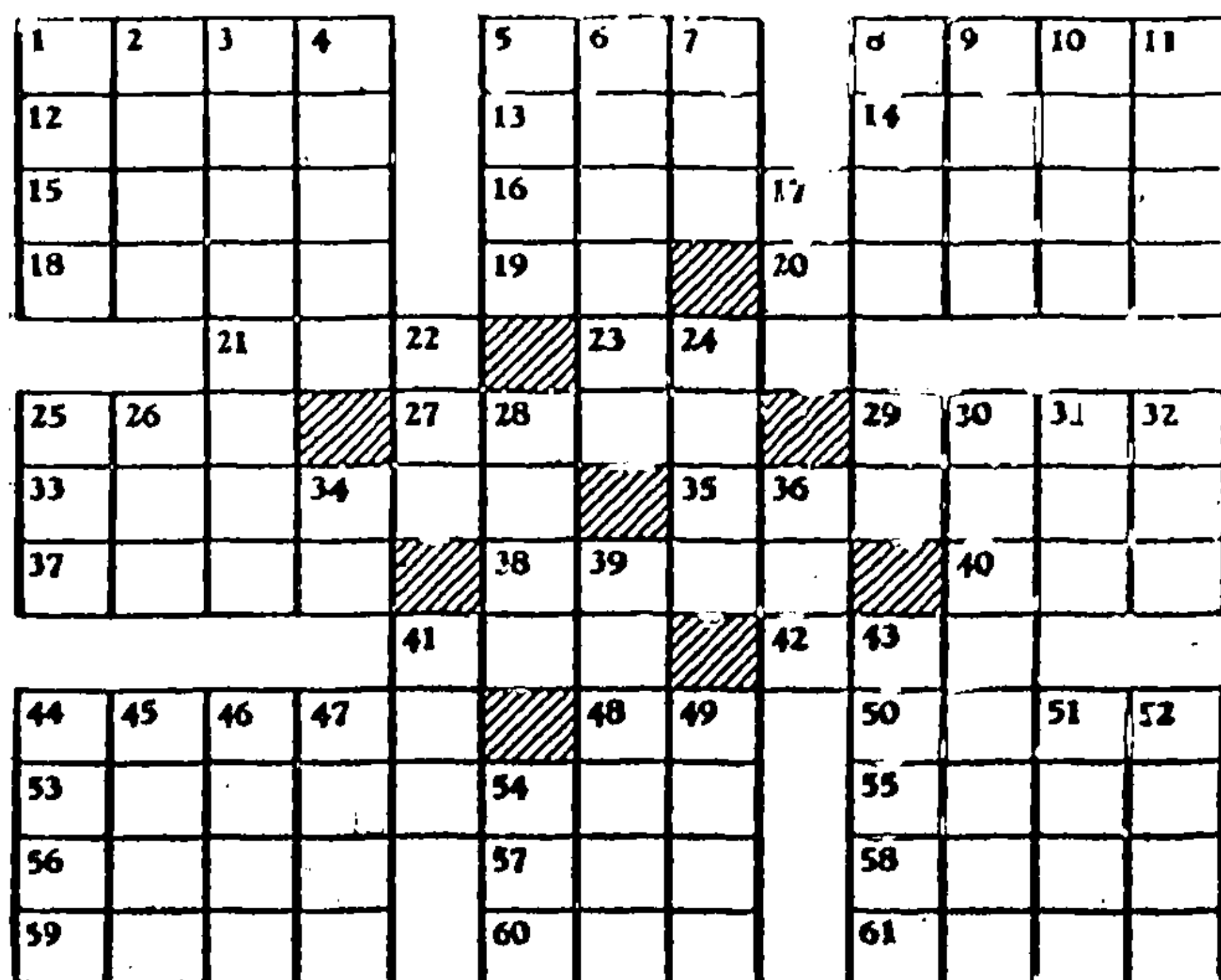
Training courses will start very soon, and a continual stream of Britain's new armament workers will be taken into the munition works during the next few months.

The pay which these women are being offered is likely to be raised in a question in Parliament soon.

While these women are being trained they will be kept by the Government, given 7s. a week pocket money, AND ANY ADULT DEPENDANTS WILL RECEIVE AN ALLOWANCE OF 30s. PER WEEK.

When the men they are releasing take their places in the ranks of the Army their adult dependants will receive from the Government 18s. a week plus a compulsory allotment from the serving man's pay of 7s. a week, making 25s. in all.

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HORIZONTAL
1 To abound
5 Slender final
8 Dog's name
12 River in the Crimea
13 Downcast
14 Siberian river
15 Filamentous structure
16 Preliminary draft of a treaty
18 Pitcher handle
19 Archlike: you
20 Wing-like
21 Plippen
23 To sleep
25 Palm leaf
27 Heraldic device
29 The dill
33 To scan
35 Elf
37 States
38 Coral grass
40 Scoundrel
41 Portuguese title
42 Mulberry
44 Swiftly
46 Colloquial: father
50 Burden
53 Unmarried man
55 Spanish cooking pot

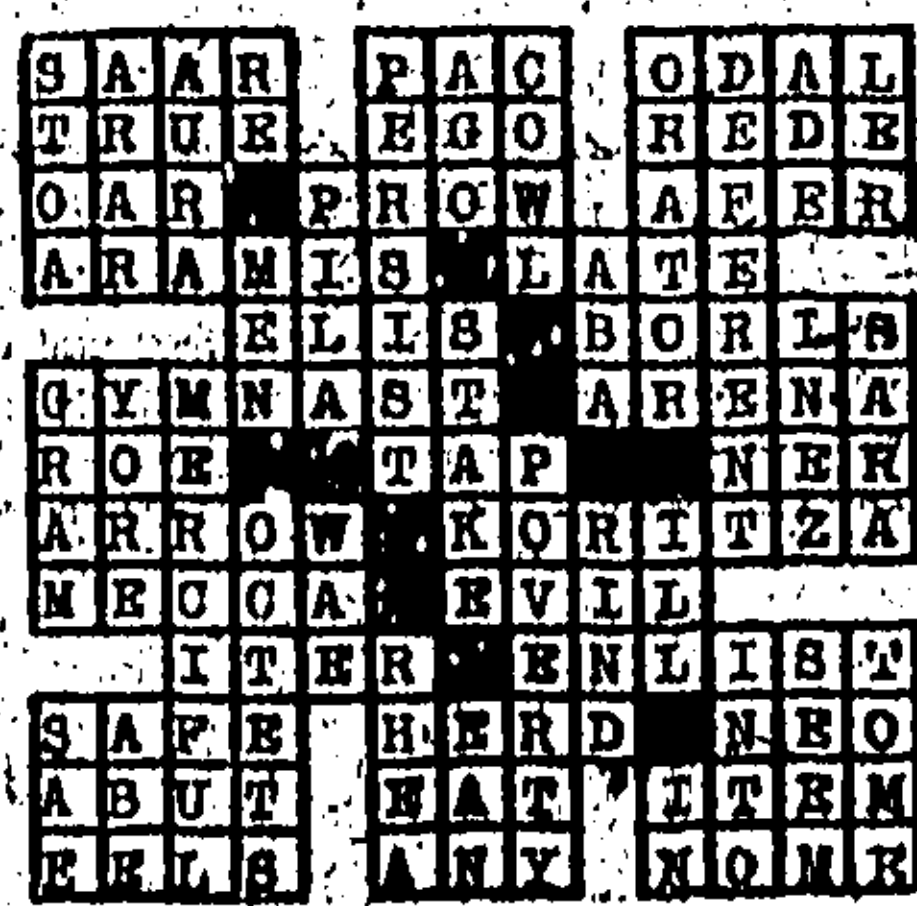
56 Italian coins
57 King of Judah
58 German river valley
59 Biblical garden
60 Number
61 Scri

VERTICAL
1 African weaver bird

2 Dash
3 Agent
4 French Revolutionary leader
5 To discover
6 Father
7 Artificial language
8 Jester
9 Peruvian Indian

10 Means of access
11 Nothing but
17 To knock lightly
22 Affirmative
24 Norse galley
25 Goddess of the harvest
26 Meadow
28 Roman emperor
29 Land measure
30 Bishop of Myra
31 Greek letter
32 To spread for drying
34 You and me
36 Edible seed
39 To levy
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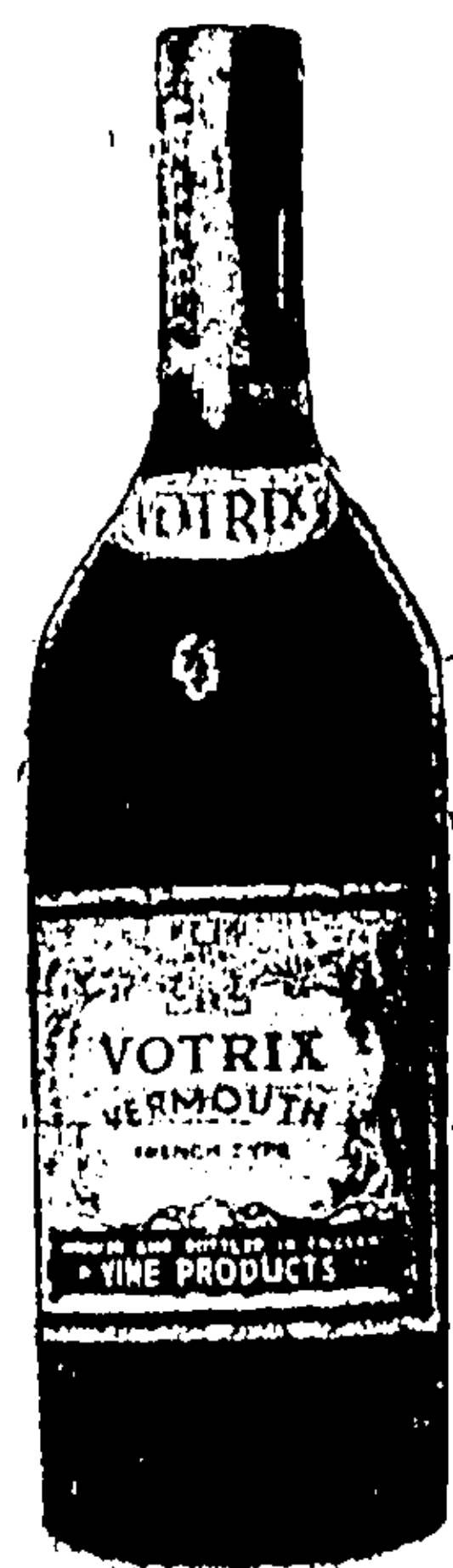
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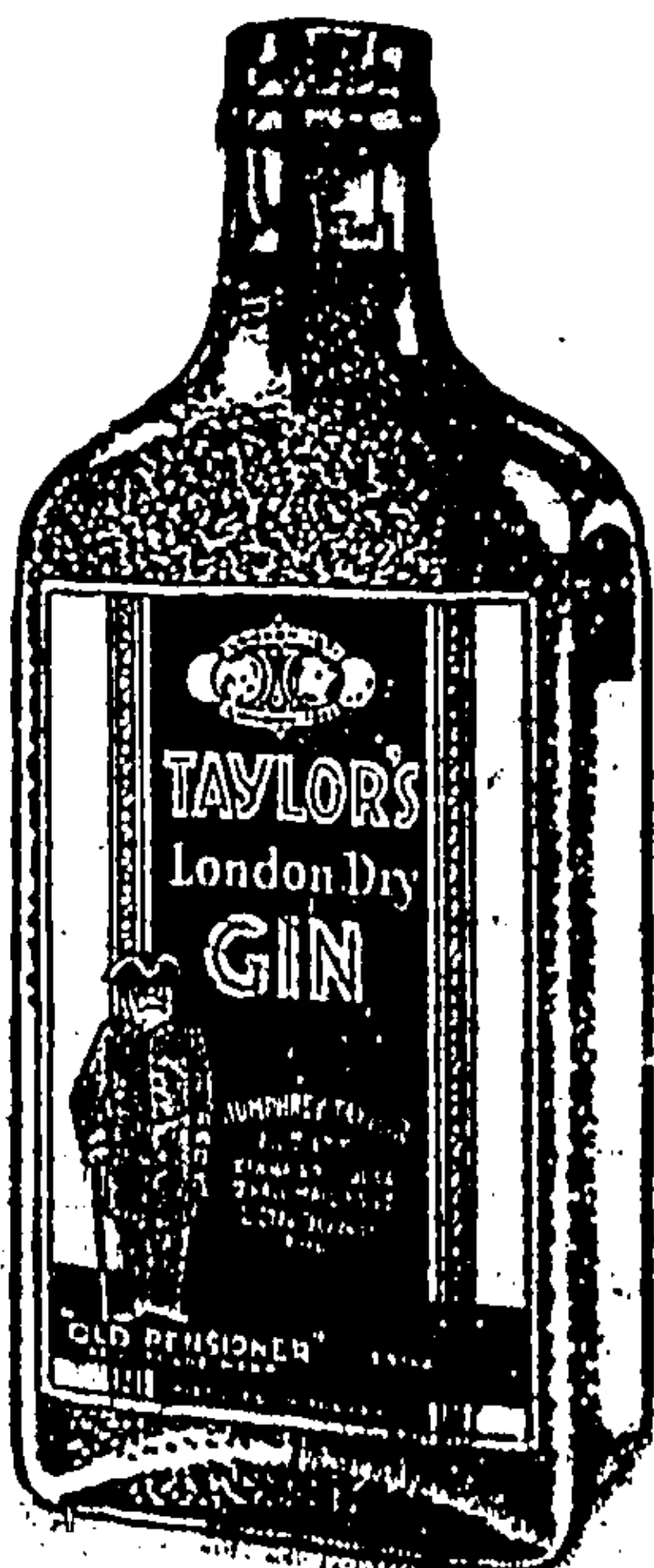
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HITLER PAYS DEARLY IN THE "BLOCKADE"

(By A NAVAL CORRESPONDENT)
A BATTLE HAS BEEN RAGING FOR MORE THAN HALF A YEAR OF WHICH WE HAVE HEARD LITTLE OR NOTHING, APART FROM THE BARE TOTAL OF LOSSES THAT WE OURSELVES HAVE SUFFERED.

It is an odd position, but this one-sided view of the naval struggle in the Atlantic is all but inevitable. So much of what we would like to say about our own strokes of good fortune and of the good work done by our men out there would be helpful to the enemy, if he could but get hold of the information.

The battle of the Atlantic is Hitler's desperate effort to enforce his "total blockade" of Britain. Heavily defeated in his lightning stroke with the U-boat attack on our seaborne trade at the outset of the war, he had to abandon the campaign for several months while the utterly unexpected losses in his submarine flotillas were made good.

The Menace From The Air

Attempts during last winter to make mines an alternative and equally effective element in the blockade were also defeated by us, and he quickly realised how hollow were Goering's pre-war boasts that the Luftwaffe would speedily stop all traffic to British ports.

Neither on the sea nor in the ports has the German Air Force seriously affected the naval side of the war.

Accordingly, last May, when new U-boats began to come into service, Hitler reverted to the Tirpitz methods of unrestricted submarine war. He had the luck, which the Kaiser's Navy never had, to seize naval bases much nearer to the Atlantic traffic lanes. He broke out of the "Wet Triangle" of the Heligoland Bight. Ever since then the weekly totals of tonnage sunk have been serious. They have fluctuated for reasons to be discussed later, but the average of the six months is a big figure.

Those who only see the individual weekly returns may not have realised just the size of the inroads made on the world's sea-carrying capacity, so it may be well to give a tabulation, corrected by Admiralty figures, of the losses for six months.

Weekly Losses

Week ending	British tons	Total World tons
June 1 to December 1, 1940		
June 2	85,614	110,195
9	45,905	82,908
16	53,115	115,199
23	91,370	174,775
30	30,377	51,339
July 7	75,833	114,137
14	40,469	72,649
21	37,577	58,368
28	65,601	72,691
Aug. 4	73,185	88,251
11	32,257	46,639
18	41,175	55,388
25	108,404	117,814
Sept. 1	62,921	94,898
8	44,975	77,280
15	55,153	75,107
22	145,036	172,467
29	56,096	72,506
Oct. 6	30,286	40,315
13	52,668	83,563
20	154,279	205,781
27	9,988	18,443
Nov. 3	65,609	71,012
10	69,110	87,968
17	57,977	74,676
24	80,426	92,841
Dec. 1	41,360	52,229

Better Than in 1917

This gives us in round figures a total world loss of some 2,379,000 tons for the six months. The figure for the first six months of the unrestricted campaign in 1917 was 3,394,000, approximately a million more tons than the Nazi effort has achieved.

The Prime Minister's word for the losses in his speech to the Commons was "disquieting," and no one will attempt to minimise the drain on the world's shipping that is repre-

sented by a weekly average of sinkings of 88,000 tons.

The table, however, throws an interesting light on the ebb and flow of the battle of the Atlantic. It will be seen that in every month there is one outstanding week and at least one (occasionally two) when the total falls to about half the general average.

This fluctuation was also a characteristic of the 1917 attacks, and the meaning of it, as we discovered then, is that only a proportion of the U-boat captains are really competent, and that the periods when these few men are back in harbour, resting and refitting, are comparatively quiescent.

1 In 10 Dangerous

The official German history of the last U-boat campaign listed twenty "aces" and some twenty-five "next best" among the commanding officers. Allowing for men killed on service and replaced by promoted first officers, there were about 450 captains engaged throughout the war. One in ten of them was really dangerous to our shipping.

And, as further evidence of their skill, it may be pointed out that only three of the twenty "aces" were eliminated—one by an accident at sea, one by the destruction of his boat, and one by capture. The "dog-fox" in submarine warfare well deserved the nickname given to him by our hunting flotillas.

The solution of the problem, now as then, is multiplication of the number of hunting craft. It is true that modern detector apparatus has to some extent eased the work of locating the submerged vessel, but against that the area in which the Germans can work is far more extensive now, owing to the fact that they can start their operations from the occupied ports on the Bay of Biscay, and so save the 3,000 mile trek round the North of Scotland from the German bases.

A Comforting Estimate

It is not yet permissible to disclose the scene of all their attacks, but indications of some localities have been given, since the information was already known publicly in neutral countries. And it is evident that our hunting has to be done over a much wider field than in 1917.

Have we had any success?

Only two Admiralty bulletins have referred to this side of the battle. In the past six months. From them we know of nine German submarines sunk in the Atlantic; of some Italians we have inklings in the issue of names of prisoners of war. But that is nothing like the whole of the story.

The average monthly destruction of enemy craft was between five and six in 1917-1918. In the autumn of last year it was higher than that. For Mr. Churchill admitted that the rate of sinking was between two and four a week. If we have doubled our 1917 rate in these past months we have, as I calculate it, removed seven-tenths of the additional U-boats that Hitler threw into the battle between May and August.

If we keep up that rate of destruction, we are equal to his probable rate of replacement. That is a comforting thought—even though it is entirely unofficial.

"JERRY IS FOXY"

"Why the sp-and-so don't you answer?" bawled the bomber pilot to his radio operator.

He forgot the microphone, which carried his curse to the operations room behind. They were checking over the equipment before taking off for a night raid in Cologne.

In the operations room everybody laughed at the pilot's language—including the King, who, as Marshal of the R.A.F., had come to take part in the night's work at the station.

Arriving early on the airfield the King, it was revealed, stayed to cross-examine the pilots as they came home minus their bombs.

Throughout his visit work went on normally. He walked into the "briefing" room and heard the intelligence officer giving the crews their instructions.

Not So Hot Now

"Your target is not an easy one to find," said the officer, giving details of cloud conditions and of the German defences.

"Cologne used to be considered a very hot spot, but it is not so bad now."

Then the King walked into the crews' room, where the men change into flying kit, and heard them being given last minute instructions.

"Make two runs over your target. You'll have to decide for yourselves what height you will bomb from, and what type of attack you'll make."

The crews went out to the big Wellingtons waiting on the tarmac while the King went to "Ops" and heard the pilots get their "fixes" (a check of position and course).

While the bombers were over Germany he dined in the officers' mess, took a whisky and soda in the sergeants' mess, studied the maps and charts.

At midnight the first bomber came in, and the young squadron leader gave his report, while his crew crowded round.

"Were you able to drop your bombs on the target?" asked the King.

"Yes, sir. The weather wasn't good, and we had nine-tenths cloud."

"But I managed to pick up a bend in the Rhine which gave me my direction, and I made my two runs over the target, unloading on the railway marshalling yards."

"Was there much opposition?"

"Well, sir, Jerry is still playing foxy. There were no searchlights, no flak until I dropped my bombs. Then fourteen or fifteen lights came on making a cone in the sky, and Jerry chuckled everything up from the A.A. guns to the apex of the cone."

To Berlin, Too

When the squadron leader told the King that he had made twenty-three flights over Germany the King asked: "Have you been to Berlin?"

"On yes, sir, I know that place quite well."

The crews of two other bombers which had been over enemy invasion ports were having coffee and smoking cigarettes while their comrades made their report.

The King chatted to several of these men—"make-learns," who had just made their first operational flight over enemy territory.

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"CONFUSIONISM"

In a dispatch from Belgrade to "The Times" a few days ago there appeared this comment: "The Berlin correspondent of the semi-official Vreme wrote to-day that high German circles were declaring that Germany has been 'leading journalists on' with rumours of impending trouble in the Balkans, so that now they had lost their orientation and had no idea where the expected 'decisive' blow from Germany was going to fall."

This is a good example of the new technique of propaganda developed to a high art by the Nazis. It consists of spreading half a dozen different rumours to confound the enemy, of turning the other cheek while preparing to slay the bemused, of displaying coyness and an accommodating spirit that glove a murderous intent. It might be called the technique of "confusionism."

"Confusionism" played a very real part in the downfall of France before and during the German armed attack. It is being used on France to-day with a devilish disregard of human feelings but with the same singleness of purpose that has carried Nazism thus far. The Vichy Government is told that some of the many French prisoners will be released; then the announcement is found to have been premature. The frontier between occupied and unoccupied France is opened a little; then it is closed tight. Rumours are spread that the British people hate the French and care nothing about suffering humanity. Classes are played off, one against another. A brand of socialism is offered to workers; a brand of capitalism is offered to employer; "security" is offered to civil employees—all, of course, depending upon the defeat of Britain.

The method stops at nothing in audacity and gall in relations with the non-Nazi world. It permits the occupiers of The Hague, seized in violation of The Hague Convention of 1907, to wave that pact in a mighty outburst of factitious umbrage against the determination of the United States to defend itself against the spread of Nazi power to their continent. It is essentially a method used by charlatans from time immemorial and the

This is the story of a twenty-two-year-old pilot who is now flying a Hurricane in a squadron stationed near London. I have chosen it to write out of many that I have heard first-hand because it is the story of a young man who is not regarded as a hero.

He has never broken up a formation of bombers single-handed—a fleet of Messerschmidts—downed two and chased the rest home—as had two of the men I met who had recently been decorated. I shall not call my undecorated hero by his name because he is very shy, and this story will embarrass him enough.

As it is, I shall call him Pilot Officer Hart, and this is his story in as much detail as I can remember—

When the war began he was at Oxford, and had done a little flying there under the direction of the R.A.F. He went to France shortly after the war began, flying a Spitfire. The first time he was shot down was over Belgium during the retreat.

He was in a dog-fight with a Messerschmidt 109 at 28,000 or 29,000 feet, breathing oxygen through his mask, watching the German as the two planes circled, sparring for an opening.

The first thing he remembers is getting what felt like a terrific kick in the pants. His plane went several hundred feet straight up in the air. Then, within a few seconds, he got another kick in the pants. The plane went on and up four or five hundred feet, and this time, he says, when he looked out, his plane didn't have any wings on it.

He said to himself, "I don't know what did it, but it is obviously time to get out."

By this time he found himself and his fuselage upside down. The glass cover to the cockpit of a Spitfire slides back. He was looking down through the closed glass cover to the ground below him.

Using both hands he got the glass hatch free and slid it clear. Then he expected to fall out. He wanted to fall out. But he didn't because he had forgotten about the safety belt.

What was left of the plane continued to fall upside down. Finally he remembered the safety belt, and he let go the clasp. He dropped out sharply and the wind began to turn him round. As he turned, his arms flew out from his sides, and he found himself looking at his hands.

He says when he saw his hands he thought very clearly he didn't like them, because they ought to be pulling the rip-cord on his parachute. In a kind of rush of panic he looked for the handle of the ripcord, found it and pulled.

After the parachute opened he found himself sitting there with no sense of motion. He felt "very safe and sound," and decided that this was rather a unique opportunity to look around the countryside. He was still very high up. As he looked down, the first thing he noticed was that something was happening directly beneath him. He could see puffs were running across a clearing.

Then things began whizzing by him. He said to himself, "This would be my luck to bale out in the middle of a battle and get shot by a stray bullet."

The lower he got the closer the bullets came, until he thinks he must have been about a mile high. Then it came to him that this was no battle going on beneath him. The shooting he was observing was at him. Machine-guns, rifles and an anti-aircraft battery were all shooting at him.

He said, "Then I got really scared." He came down the last few thousand feet knowing things were very wrong, and that the shooting was coming from people on his own side.

He landed in a field, picked himself up yelling at the top of his

world over. But behind it lies a force that must be reckoned with.

(Without Medal)

By RALPH INGERSOLL

lungs "Je suis Anglais. Je suis Anglais."

Belgian soldiers ran up all around him, pointing their guns at him. Finally an officer came. When the officer recognised his uniform he told the men to put down their rifles, and came up and embraced young Hart.

The officer turned out to be a count—cousin of the King of the Belgians.

The next two incidents were not as dramatic as the first. He was simply shot down twice. Both times he flew a Hurricane to land on English soil. Once he was fighting over the Channel, once over the Thames estuary. On neither occasion did he know where the bullet came from that disabled his plane. He was sim-

Hart explained his nasty job, because "Tail-ass-Charlie" must fly so fast and throw himself into such violent, continuous banking that he is either continually blacking out—that is, throwing the blood out of his head until he goes temporarily blind—or coming close to it.

He said he was doing quite nicely, except it was late afternoon and they were flying east and the sun was right behind him. Two Messerschmidts with cannon came out of the sun and were on his tail before he could do anything about it.

As they dived, they made a V about forty-five degrees wide converging on the back of his neck. Both let go from very close, crossed, went under him, and disappeared.

thing else in the world, and that is a fighter. Friend or foe, they just don't like us."

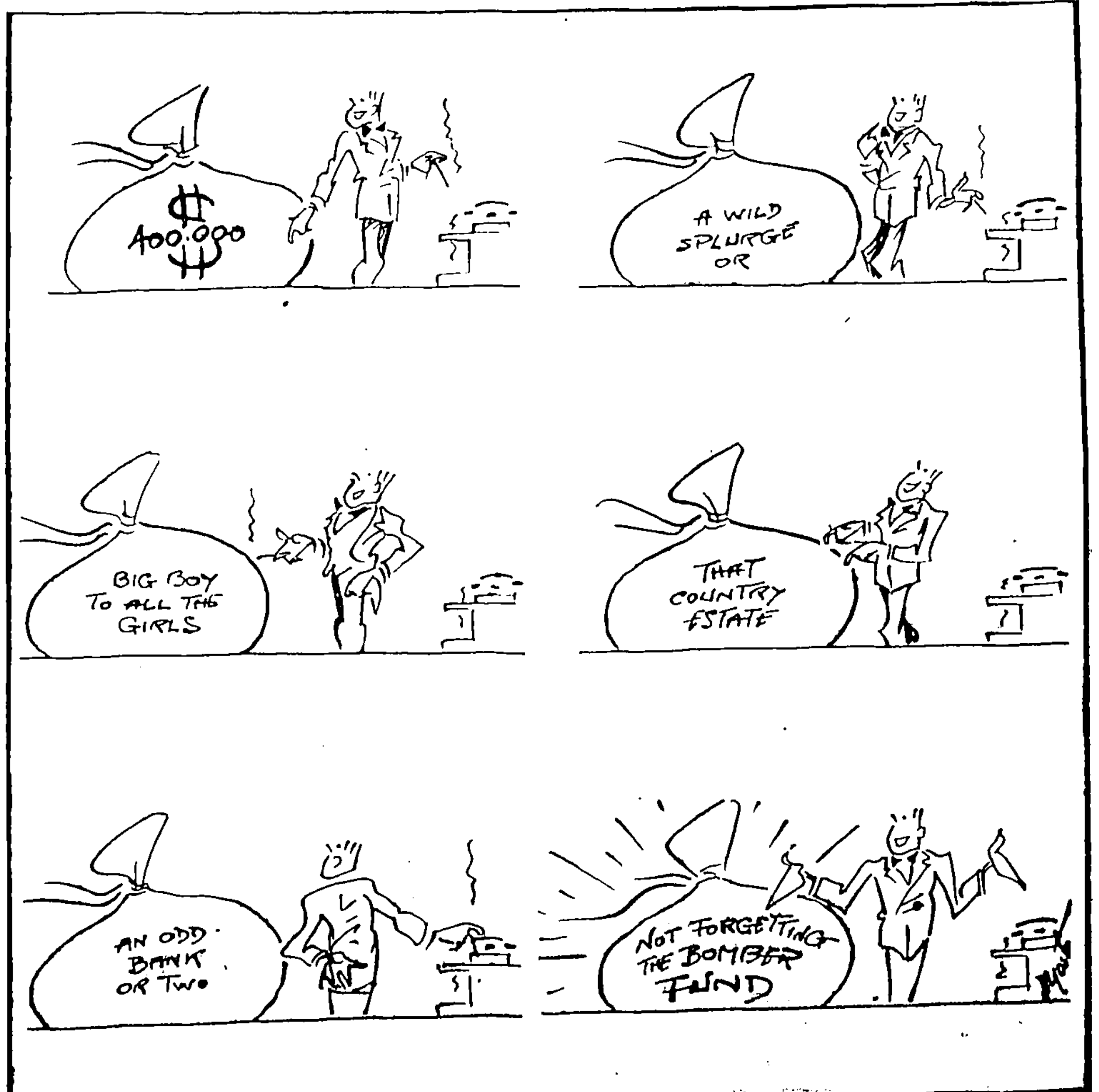
He began to feel pretty desperate and lonely, and couldn't think how to make the bombers understand that what he wanted was simply protection.

Finally, he had an idea. He took his handkerchief out of his pocket, reached down and dipped it in the blood from the wounds on his feet. He held the bloody handkerchief over his head.

He said the bombers caught on the minute they saw the bloody handkerchief. "But then they scared me even more because they got so curious, all the crews began crowding into the gun turrets to look at me, and I was afraid they would veer over and bump into me, because I could not steer very well."

"I finally had them. I just cut down in front to keep them right up on my tail. They still couldn't go quite as fast as I could, and when I had them up on my tail

BAD FOR THE NERVES!



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ply flying along and suddenly his motor was hot and things began to go wrong.

The first time he had the choice between making a landing in enemy territory and trying to get home. He decided to try to get home.

He knew the motor was hit in some vital point because the temperature began rising, but that was all. The temperature kept on rising all the way home. When he was over England, but before he had found his field, the cooling fluid caught fire. He came swirling into port with smoke and flames all round him.

The next time was much like the last, except that Hart now had had some experience with cooling fluid catching fire, and after the motor reached a certain temperature he shut it off. The motor immediately froze.

He admitted that the next time he was shot down it might make a story. That time—his fourth—he was functioning as "Tail-ass-Charlie" for a squadron of Hurricanes. They were flying over enemy territory, going along the German-held coast of France.

Three cannon shells tore off not quite half the covering of the horizontal tail and flippers and part of the vertical stabiliser fin and part of the rudder. Hart explained this because he was trying to impress on me how much punishment a Hurricane can take and still fly home.

It never occurred to him until much later in the story to throw in the casual fact that the three cannon shell explosions had given him a shower bath of steel fragments from the rear.

Fifty-odd pieces of shell fragment came through the bottom of his seat and lacerated his legs as if by the discharge of buckshot a few feet away.

Half-way across the Channel he caught up with three Bristol Blenheim bombers returning from a daylight raid. He recognised them as English, and said they looked awfully good to him. He flew down to come alongside them. When he got there they were in formation. Instead of welcoming smiles, he watched six gun turrets swing round and twelve machine-guns train on him.

Hart said, "There's one thing that bombers hate more than any-

I knew that if any trouble came they would catch it first."

He said this as if he had played a rather sly trick on the bombers—a sly and not entirely cricket trick.

The fifth time he grounded. He got the plane back to England, but lost it because the only place he could find to land after the motor had been shot out over the Channel was along a beach on the south coast, and although he got the plane down quite whole, it was outside the barbed wire entanglements and mined landing areas.

The sixth time he was shot down Hart said was really not worth talking about because "absolutely nothing happened."

In this whole narrative of his experiences, which I had insisted on, I suddenly realised he had not told me single story of victory, a single incident which directly reflected credit on him or made him a hero.

Not from him, but from others in his squadron. I learned he had four confirmed planes to his credit, one a bomber, and that he had probably shot down as many more that were not confirmed.

300 AUSTRIANS SHOT IN REVOLT IN NORWAY

NINETY-EIGHT OUT of every hundred Norwegians listen-in to the B.B.C. and are confident Britain will win. . . . Few of the 300,000 Nazi troops in Norway are happy: firearms are banned to civilians, but Germans are always being found mysteriously drowned.

Many Austrian soldiers have committed suicide, and they frequently revolt. Three hundred were shot after one uprising.

Three hundred thousand tons of potatoes and much other food have been seized and sent to Germany. There will be serious food shortage by the spring.

These and other facts which show what difficult times the Germans are having in conquered Norway were told by a young Norwegian who has reached Britain in a sailing boat.

"Early Next Year"

"My people," he said, "are confident that Britain will win. Many are sure you will win early next year and that makes them very happy."

"Quisling's followers are hated. He himself never appears in public unless heavily guarded by German soldiers."

Of the soldiers sent to Norway, many were Austrians who had been in my country after the Great War. When they saw what was happening a large number of them committed suicide.

"From time to time there were revolts among them."

"In Oslo all traffic was stopped in certain streets and people were kept away from certain areas until the Austrian soldiers had passed through."

The Norwegian went on to tell how German attempts at embarkation tests ended in disaster.

"One morning in August Oslo docks and beaches were closed for

a very large test. No Norwegian people were allowed near them."

"I heard later that numbers of the Germans taking part were drowned."

"The soldiers were put out in small boats, of which the Nazis had many in Norway, and made to jump overboard in full kit. This included tin helmets, rifles, and top boots."

"Those who could not swim sank like stones and were drowned."

"Eventually the soldiers refused to take part in these tests, and there was great discontent among them."

"While there is not yet severe rationing in Norway, huge quantities of food have been taken to Germany. The petrol situation is also becoming serious."

"Until I left we were always able to get plenty of fish, but never any herrings. The Germans are taking all the herrings caught and extracting oil from them for use as glycerine."

"The petrol stocks cannot last much longer. Large stores have been destroyed by the Norwegians, and the Nazis are using a very poor quality."

"Private motoring has been stopped but taxis are allowed to run in the larger towns. They are allowed 15 gallons per month."

"Found Drowned"

"No one, of course, is allowed to possess a gun or rifle."

"Throughout Norway, however, many German soldiers are being mysteriously drowned."

"One Norwegian, Michael Staksrad, an Olympic skating champion, turned Quisling. His body was found, soon afterwards. He had been drowned."

"Some of our girls in Oslo have unfortunately let us down. The German officials, and particularly Herr Terboven, encourage them to make friends with German soldiers."

"Our men resented this and took the reprisal of cutting off the hair of women known to be associating with German soldiers."

"The Nazis enforced billeting in private homes not only to accommodate their soldiers but also to enable them to spy on the people. But even among the German soldiers there is great distrust."

"A German soldier will speak freely if he is alone, and quite frequently they have told my people how unhappy they are. But if there are two German soldiers together they seldom speak of their feelings."

"The prisons in Norway are full. Conditions in them are terrible."

"When British planes attack Nazi-occupied ports the Norwegians come out into the streets waving their arms and cheering."

"They leave the air-raid shelters for the Germans."

ORCHIDS ARE EVACUEES

"Evacuees" to a little station in the Yorkshire hills arrive in crates labelled "Fragile" and "This way up."

The evacuees are orchids, often worth hundreds of pounds, and owned by famous people who have had their hot-houses smashed by shrapnel or who cannot get sufficient gardeners to tend the rare plants.

Mr. W. Mansell meets them, tucks them away in one of his huge hot-houses "for the duration."

NAVY COMPELS DUCE TO GO SHORT

Britain's Mediterranean blockade has cut off 80 per cent. of Italy's imports.

This is shown in a statement issued by the United States Department of Agriculture (says Reuter).

"The blockade has been so effective in stopping the flow of sorely needed foodstuffs and agricultural materials that the Italian economic structure has been severely disorganised," the statement says.

"Italy went into the war with little or no reserve of vital agricultural products, especially cotton, wool, rubber, cereals, meats and oil seeds."

Lack of Fats

"It is difficult to see how countries that might send supplies by land can furnish Italy with products such as rubber, cotton, jute, wool, fats, meat and coffee."

"Thus the lack of fats, oils and meats may become more serious as the British blockade continues."

"In this case the Italian people may expect much stricter rations and possibly five or six meatless days."

The effects of the food shortage are very acute in some parts of southern Italy and the islands.

Adulterated

Reports from Sicily indicate that bread is being adulterated, making an unpalatable product which is difficult to digest.

Fish, one of the staple foods of the Sicilians, is almost unobtainable.

Meat is available to Italians only on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays, while the monthly ration of olive oil is only one pint per person.

Sugar consumption has been reduced so that part of the supply may be converted into sorely-needed industrial alcohol.

The supply of cotton is expected to be exhausted within a few weeks.

CULT PUT BAR ON HUSBANDS

Onions, garlic and husbands are all banned by a weird Los Angeles cult to which hundreds of Americans paid altogether £750,000 for a guarantee that they would live for ever.

When the trial of the cult's high priestess, Mrs. Edna Ballard, on a charge of fraud, began, the Judge was amazed at stories of the gullibility of her followers.

Known as "I Am," Mrs. Ballard's cult taught that God was the spirit of her deceased husband, who was called St. Germain.

Devotees were instructed that St. Germain detested garlic or onion breath; therefore they must not eat them. Women also were forbidden to cohabit with their husbands, with the result hundreds of husbands wrote to the authorities begging them to do something to combat the cult.

Prosecuting Attorney Norman Neukom said: "The cult told its followers that New York and San Francisco were built on a gas belt, and would have been blown up if it hadn't been for its leaders."



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THE GERMANS

AMERICAN PAPERS are publishing letters from France to French men and women in the United States which give interesting sidelights on life in the occupied region. The following are published by the "New York Times":—

A cook to her mistress: When you come back, I hope you won't scold me if I cannot give you the tasty dishes I used to—no milk, no butter, no rice, no coffee, no tea. We have to wait for hours to buy potatoes. I am sorry for the poor women with bad feet, who collapse before their turn is reached. People fight each other standing in line, they are so impatient and so hungry. This is not a smart thing to do, as we are watched by the Germans. We must stand firm and have courage. The worst of it is that I am getting out of practice.

A concierge to a tenant: The people who lived above you left the water running when they rushed away, so the ceiling is on the floor of the drawing-room, but your geraniums are fine and I water them every day. I remain your devoted concierge, who takes good care of everything.

A young bride-to-be to her best friend: I broke off my engagement because Paul, and especially his family, are much too nice to the Germans. I could not possibly start married life on such a footing. I will not marry a pessimist, a born loser, a fellow who has no fight in him.

A Jew from the Lorraine district to one of his faith in the United States: With the utmost brutality, the Germans introduced their laws, and more especially the Nuremberg laws, in Alsace and then on Lorraine. They think that these provinces will never be returned to France and systematically destroy all that is French either from the intellectual, religious, or peasant standpoint.

We have been thrown out of our home in one hour. We were permitted to take with us only some linen and 5,000 francs, but as we did not have any money in the house we left without funds of any kind. We were wedged like cattle into a railroad carriage and pushed to unoccupied France. After untold suffering, we have now been given quarters by a charitable municipality.

Nazi Nerves

A social worker to another: The trucks which nightly move the furniture from the most beautiful apartments in Paris bring back German families who settled here en masse. We understand that these Germans fled from the bombardments the Royal Air Force inflicts on Germany and which they cannot stand. It is strange to note how much less nervous resistance the Germans have than the French. I can tell because I have to meet them every day.

However, you must know that, apart from the families that come here temporarily because of the raids, there are a great number whom Germany installs in the North of France for the purpose of Nazifying the country. They handle the whole thing as a colonisation project and, as you can imagine, they are hated.

When we took over Morocco and Indo-China the inhabitants found it a blessing, whereas the Germans take all we have. The population is aware of this and knows that if perchance they are not pillaged they are ruined nevertheless, due to the monetary system the Germans have installed.

An officer to an American colleague: At first, we found the inhabitants surprised by the politeness and reticence of the Germans in occupied territory. We did not realise that this was a command performance. Many of us thought business would begin again and believed in Franco-German collaboration. The systematic pillage, which the Germans undertook when they introduced a monetary system of one mark having the value of twenty francs, opened everybody's eyes. The marks are distributed at the rate of two a day to each soldier. They are valid only in

France, and the shopkeepers, who at first thought they were selling goods, came to realise that it was thievery.

Another officer to a friend: From various sources we know that the Germans attempted an invasion of England at the beginning of August. Their failure was absolute. Their losses were tremendous. An epidemic of suicides took place among them. Austrian troops fought German regiments. Many German soldiers speak with a great deal of discouragement or even cry. Some of them have been in the army for a number of years and are tired of it.

A lady with a flair for literature to a friend: Parisians now only travel via the subway, on bicycles, or on foot. After suffering my share of the daily public Calvary by awaiting my turn in the long queues in front of the food stores, I take a walk in the Bois. There I dream of the days that are passed. "Gone with the Wind."

My father, who, due to his age, is seriously affected by the disaster of this occupation, has managed to rent a carriage. I do not know from whence this antique vehicle was resurrected, but I accept its definition by Tristan Bernard: "An instrument of iron and wood, destined to push horses."

Britain The Hope

The "New York Herald-Tribune" publishes the following outspoken letter from a Frenchman somewhere in France:

I can tell you that the French Government of to-day does not represent France. With the exception of a small part of the bourgeoisie that looks only to its most immediate interests, the French people consider that this shameful armistice is only the result of the treason of a political party which was dreaming of a dictatorship tied to that of Hitler. All the French people believe that an unconditional surrender, which would have allowed our Allies to use all our colonial resources, would have been more honourable than this abandonment of everything to Germany and this volte face against Great Britain, to whom, moreover, we had sworn fidelity.

Fortunately, Great Britain seems to understand what happened and does not make the French nation responsible for the acts of its Government. In Great Britain resides our hope of salvation, in Great Britain and also in the United States that may mightily help her.

Here, what can we do? Two million men have been surrendered to the Germans. The others are called to the colours (what irony!) by command of the Germans. The farmers and the agricultural labourers of the oldest levies have been liberated, but the Germans do not allow them to go home and many of them do not want to work just to feed Germany. No action is possible. What could disarmed men do?

Slow Death

And that means death for France, a slow death ordered by Germany, with the complicity of our Government. They assail even the spirit, the civilisation of France.

72, ON
CHARGE
OF WIFE
MURDER

Benjamin Briers, aged 72, of Swinborne Avenue, Broadstairs, was remanded at Margate on a charge of murdering his wife, Harriet Briers.

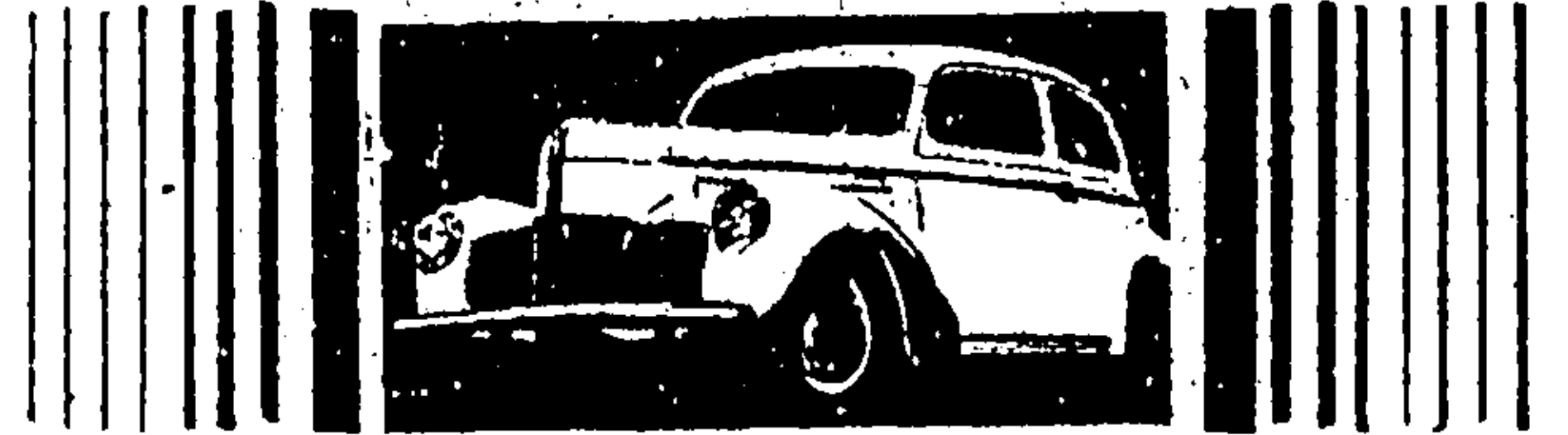
When the charge was read out, Briers jumped up and said, "Murder did you say? I was waiting for her to come and see me."

Mrs. Briers, who was 72, was found dead when police broke into her home on the night of November 7. She had severe head and throat wounds. Her husband was lying on the couch in the same room, very weak and suffering from superficial cuts across the body.

One by one our liberties are destroyed. Recently the Ministry of Education prescribed that first place should be given to physical education and that intellectual education should be relegated to second place. In order to execute this prescription exactly, they will carefully purge the teaching personnel. But we shall defend ourselves. We are determined not to permit our children to become mere machines that do what they are ordered to do and think what they are ordered to think. We are determined to preserve our culture and to inculcate it in our children.

We shall surely suffer very much materially and morally. We expect to see all France subjugated to Germany and to see ourselves reduced to silence, that terrible silence of the oppressed nations, that silence of which Stefan Zweig was speaking last winter on the radio: the voice that you will hear, the voices you are already hearing, as coming from France are not the voice of France. That is the reason why I am writing to you this last time in order to tell you, and in order that you may tell the American people, that the French have remained French and that only an abominable treason has led them to ruin and dishonour.

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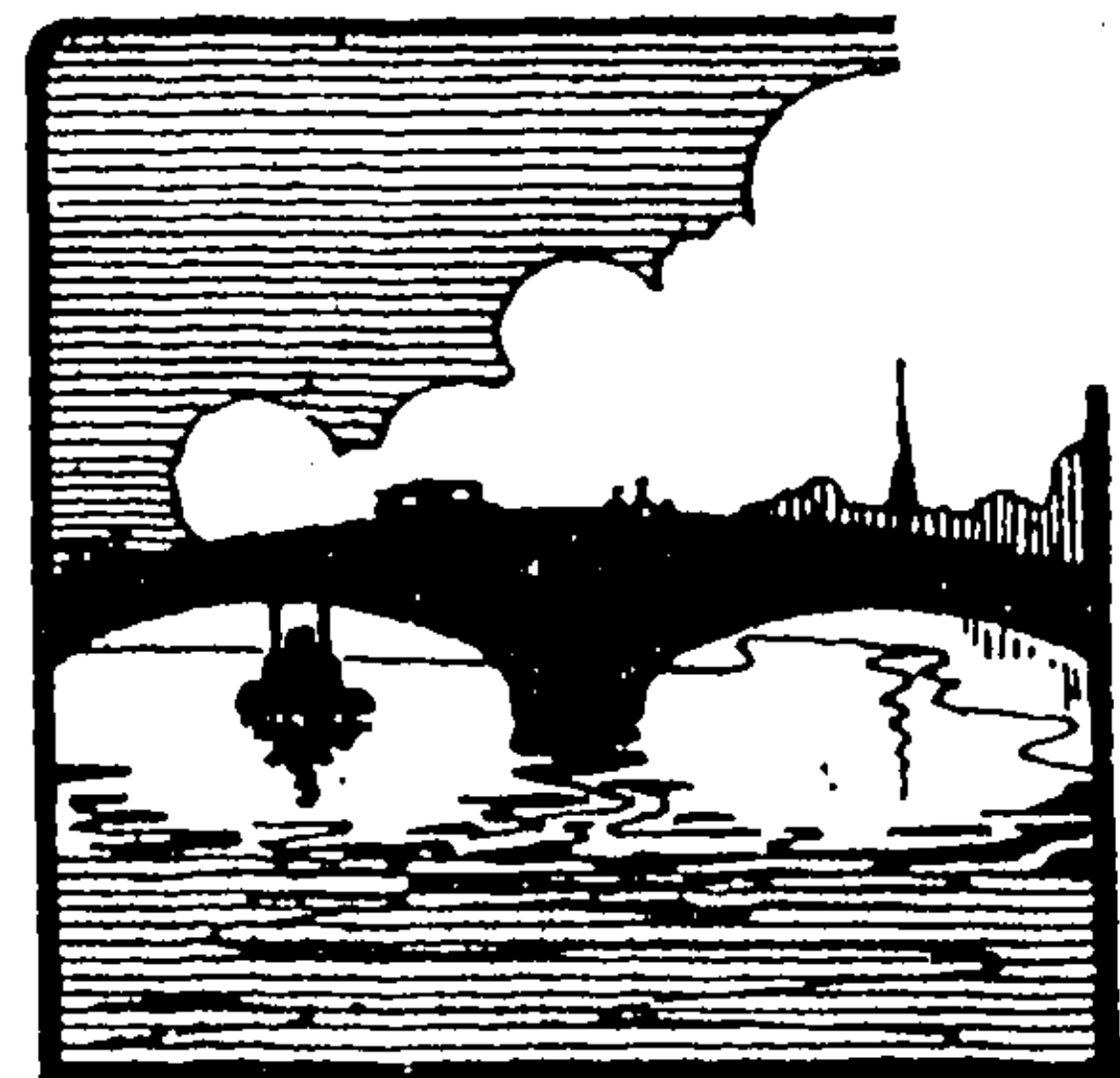
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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 13th February to Wednesday, the 26th February, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th February, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941

Postponed to:—

THIRD DAY—

Saturday,—22nd February.

FOURTH DAY—

Monday,—24th February.

FIFTH DAY—

Saturday,—1st March.

On Saturday, 22nd and Monday, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th, February, 1941.

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BRIDGE NOVELS

The Knockout Blow By The Four Aces

North's bidding was rather poor, since he should have steered South into a contract of three no-trump rather than five clubs. But East didn't object to North's bidding, for it gave her the opportunity to make a very brilliant defensive play.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 6 2	♥ Q J	♦ A J 8 7 3	♣ K J 10
♠ J 8 7 3	♥ 9 6 5 3 2	♦ 10 9 2	♣ 5
♠ K 10 9	♥ 10 8 7 4	♦ Q K 4	♣ Q 6 2
♠ Q 5 4	♥ A K	♦ 6 5	♣ A 9 8 7 4 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	5♣	Pass

West opened a heart. South winning with the Ace. Declarer then laid down the club Ace and continued with a low club, discovering to his sorrow that East was now bound to get a trump trick. He therefore made his best play for the hand by going up with the King of clubs and returning a low diamond from the dummy.

East put up the Queen of diamonds and cashed the Queen of clubs, but then the contract hinged on her next play. You may find it interesting to look for the best play before you read on—even seeing all four hands!

East knew she would make another diamond trick if South had two diamonds left in his hand. But if South had only one diamond, his plan (as East could easily see) was to take the diamond Ace, ruff a diamond, and get back via the spade Ace to cash two diamond tricks. The only way to stop this plot was to knock out the spade Ace before the diamonds could be set up. East therefore returned the spade King!

Note that it would have done East no good to return one of the lower spades, since then South would have put up the Queen, retaining the spade Ace in the dummy. But knocking out the spade Ace also dealt the knockout blow to South's contract.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K Q J 10 8	♥ K 8 5 3	♦ Q J 7	♣ 4
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The bidding:

You	Male	Jacoby	Schenken
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♣

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. To show the spades crowds the bidding and hearts should make a satisfactory trump suit. You do not raise to game (which in this particular case would be a stronger bid) because you must give your partner a little leeway with a third-hand bid. He will go to game if his opening bid was sound.

Score 100% for three hearts, 80% for four hearts, 60% for three spades, 60% for two spades.

Question No. 643

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 8 3	♥ 8	♦ A J 7 5 4	♣ K 10 2
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The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Male	Schenken
1♥	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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Will Cost £1,000,000

A friend of his stated: "He announced his intention as soon as he heard that the Guildhall had been so badly damaged."

"He has a deep affection for the building and was very angry at this vandalism. So far he has not approached officials of the City with his offer, but he has made preliminary inquiries about the exact nature of the damage."

It is estimated that it will cost near £1,000,000 to rebuild the Guildhall in such a way as to restore its historic characteristics. All that remain are the stone walls and the turrets at each corner.

A.R.P. WARNED BY HIS DEATH

As vivid flashes lit the sky in fields in the north-west during a night raid a warden raced across a field to put out the "beacon" which was guiding enemy bombers.

His body was found hours later. He had been electrocuted.

Arcking caused by a fallen high tension wire had looked to the warden exactly like incendiary bombs.

He tackled the "fire" and received the full force of the electric current.

Now all Civil Defence workers in rural areas have been warned against making similar mistakes.



A Front Page Reminder To All Wise Parents.

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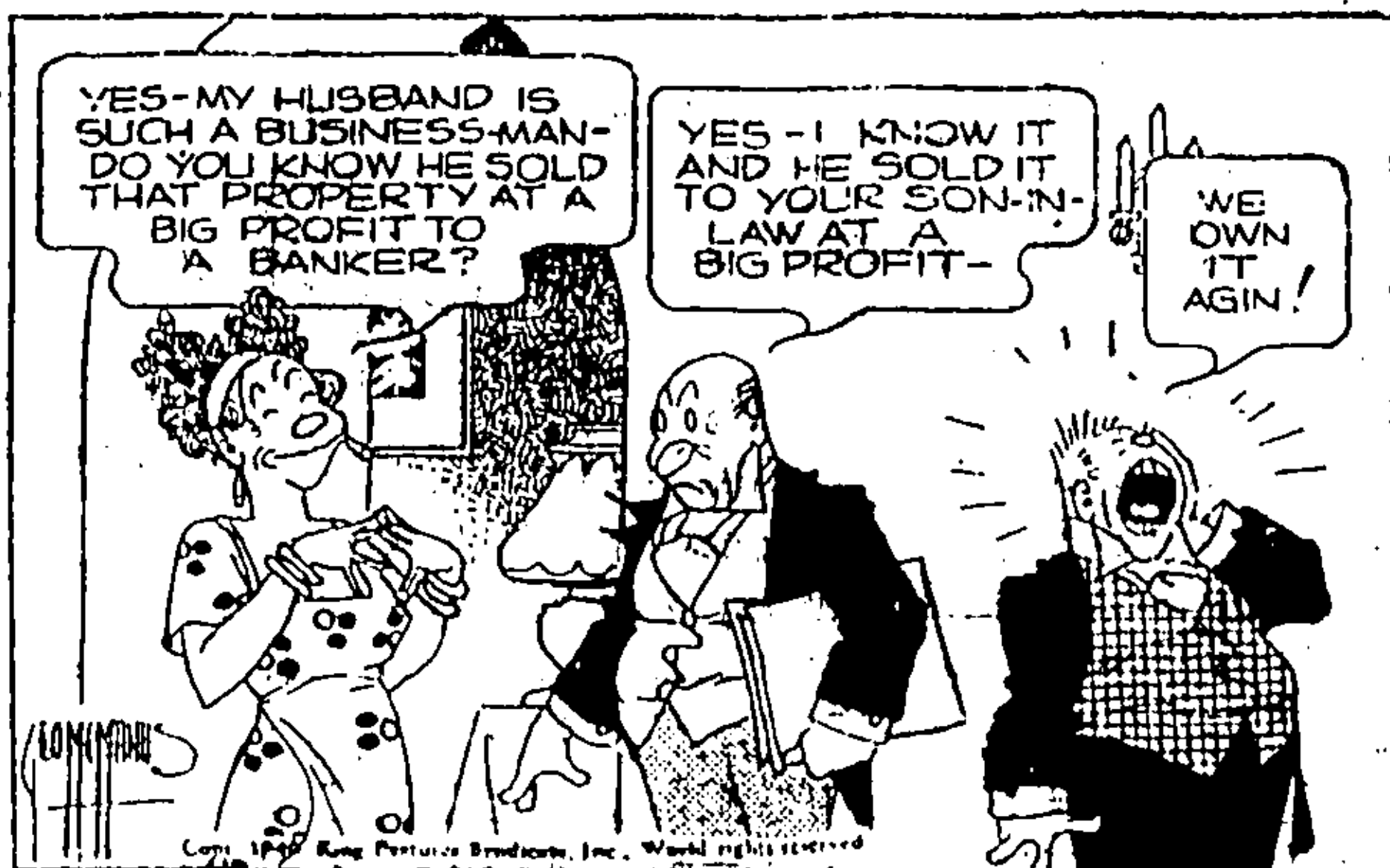
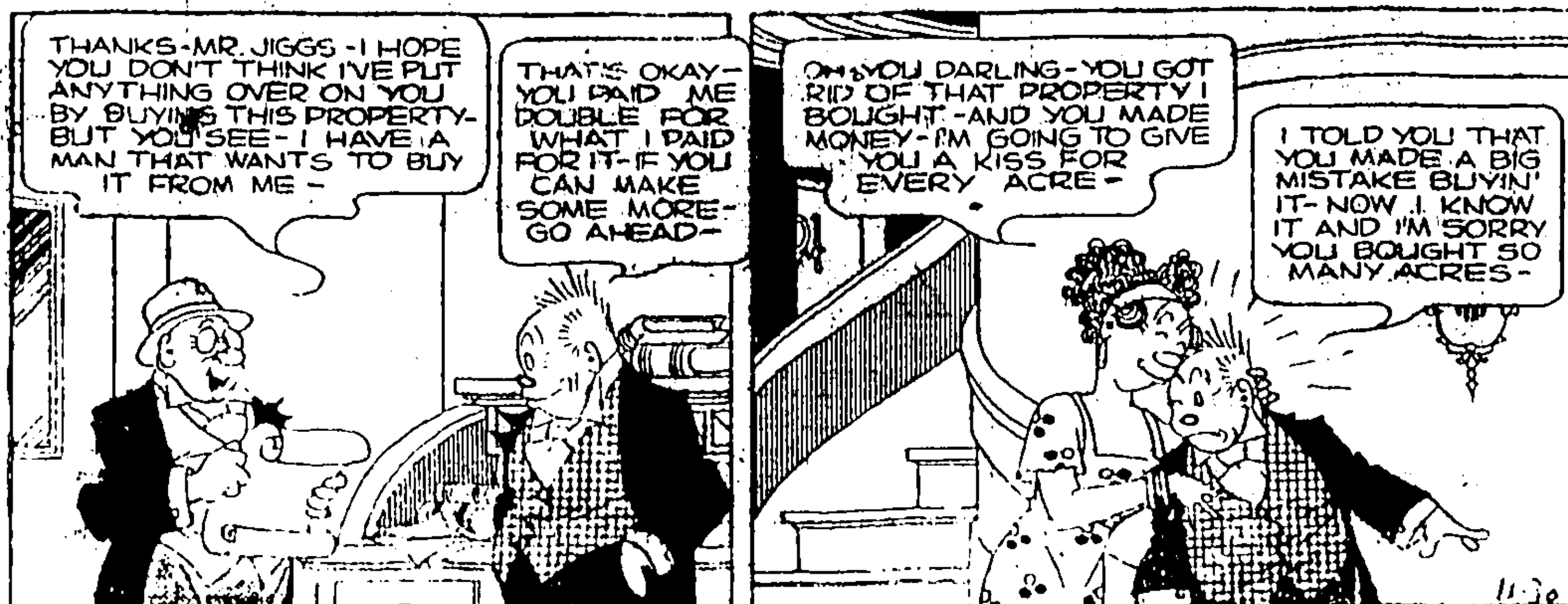
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

A Grand Finale To A Noble Bird Is—

Turkey-Mushroom Soup

By Dorothy Greig

It may be heresy even to hint at such a thing . . . but there are some irrepressible souls who think the best part of the turkey is its final wind-up—its turkey soup. Such honest flavour, they claim, almost more than the turkey meat itself had, as though the very essence of flavour had been saved for this, its glorious finish.

And I agree, for my own turkey soup is something of which I'm really proud. You see, I add condensed cream of mushroom soup which gives it an extra fillup of delicate flavour, and a smoothness of texture that is a delight to the palate. Here's how it goes:

- Bones of one roast turkey
- 2 quarts cold water
- 1 carrot, sliced
- 1 stalk celery
- 2 slices onion, medium size

Put all ingredients into a stewing kettle, bring to a boil and simmer, covered, for 2 hours. Strain. Makes 1½ quarts stock.

- 1½ quarts turkey stock
- 4 tablespoons rice, uncooked



2 cans condensed cream of mushroom soup

Cook the rice in the turkey stock until soft when pressed between the fingers. Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan,

stir well and add the turkey stock with cooked rice.

Note:

No salt and pepper were used in this recipe because the seasoning in the cream of mushroom soup seemed adequate. However, you may prefer to add about ¼ teaspoon of salt and pinch of pepper.

Other Use For Tint

Women who have "splotchy skin" caused from a liver or pigment-lacking condition, could use this liquid complexion tint to advantage. By deftly applying the tint to the paler areas and blending it with finger tips it is possible to obtain one lovely tone, then over this the rouge may go.

The nice thing about such a cosmetic is that it permits one to change type. Once you get bored with your too bleached, winter skin you can, presto, paint on a harmless shade or two and turn out to be a ravishing bronze beauty! But do remember that such a skin tone requires a very vivid lipstick—a true yellow-scarlet, or a cerise-scarlet. The deeper winter lipsticks look dull with this tint.

In case you wonder, the tint and rouge may be removed easily with cleansing cream or bland soap and water. And it is best to put it on freshly washed skin—there is no need for a foundation under it.

BRONZED COMPLEXIONS

Pale faces do not harmonize with the exotic, tropical colours of the new season's fashions. These brewed from native Latin American plants, are the same rich, lovely colours you find in Indian pottery and serapes—the vivid green of giant fern, vibrant purple, geranium red, chartreuse and chola (which is a most magnetic purple-red). Important too is the natural beige of unbleached hemp. To wear these, one's complexion must be exquisitely bronzed by the sun's good rays or—artificially bronzed with a new complexion tint and liquid rouge! Yes, my dears, pale faces can be made into mystery-eyed Peruvian beauties with the aid of two little bottles of liquid and a vibrant lipstick.

The tint is applied to your skin with a bit of dry cotton and then blended with your fingers—much the same way as you apply a foundation lotion. The trick is to cover ALL your exposed skin—your face and neck, behind your ears, your arms and hands. If a few pale spots remain the effect you desire is entirely destroyed.

The first application makes your skin glow as if you had a few recent sun baths, and a deeper, bronze tan is possible with a second application of the tint.

The companion piece to this skin-changing tint, is a liquid

rouge which is also applied with a bit of cotton. (The rouge is excellent to use on pale faces with-



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The gay young blade says life would be perfect if every week were Christmas week.

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By ED REED



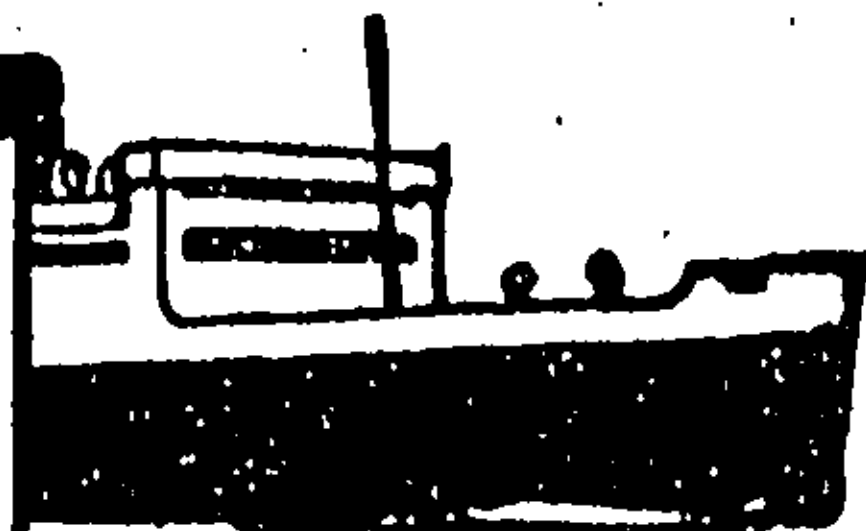
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FOUR MONTHS IN WANG CONCENTRATION CAMP

IMPRISONED, WHIPPED and put through the third degree in a concentration camp in Shanghai — well-known as the "Seventy-Six" — organised by Wang Ching-wei's Gestapo at No. 76, Jessfield Road, General Liu Te-ming, former Commander of the Chinese Volunteers in the North-western provinces in 1930-31, Counsellor of the Director-General's Headquarters in Mongolia in 1937, and former Commander of guerilla forces in Mongolia, arrived in Hong Kong over the week-end after serving four months in the concentration camp.

Slightly deaf and lame, the result of the treatment in the camp, General Liu gave an exclusive interview to the "China Mail" at the St. Francis Hotel this morning.

Western Shanghai, he stated, is now virtually controlled by the Japanese military, Pan San-sen, a notorious gangster, and Li Sze-tchun, head of Wang Ching-wei's Gestapo.

In the course of the interview, General Liu said that he was suspected of underground activities and was arrested by Wang Ching-wei's Secret Service agents in March last year.

He was thrown into Wang's "Concentration Camp" at No. 76, Jessfield Road and was imprisoned there for four months.

They put him through the third degree, stripping him naked and whipping him on the back with his hands and feet tied.

Hung By Legs

Later they hung him by the legs and poured water down his nostrils. As a result of this treatment he has become lame and suffers from deafness.

(At first, he was put into a small room containing between 40 and 50 other people, mostly murderers, thieves and other criminals.

Failing to obtain the information they believed he possessed, they threw him into a cell where so-called political offenders were imprisoned. Conditions in this room were slightly better, and among those detained there were some of Wang's own people.

Those in this room were not allowed any newspapers. They were given copies of public announcements and speeches made by Wang Ching-wei and had to memorise them all.

Many of the inmates were taken from this camp to Chung Shan Road where they were shot, while others died as a result of ill-treatment.

On promising to proceed to Nanking and work for the Nanking Government, General Liu was released in June last year. In Nanking he met most of the puppet leaders, including Chow Fuh-hai, Chen Kung-po, and Chu Ming-i.

Escape To Soochow

On the pretext that he needed rest and medical treatment, General Liu was granted sick leave and given a "Good Citizen Certificate" which at first allowed him to move only within the city limits of Nanking. Later he was allowed to travel between Nanking and Shanghai, always, however, accompanied by agents for "protection."

Apparently believing that General Liu had been completely "reformed," Wang's Gestapo relaxed their "protection" measures and General Liu was able to move more freely in Shanghai though his movements were always watched.

Managing to get to Soochow, however, General Liu looked up a friend, and with his assistance, secured passage on a steamer to Hong Kong, where he arrived during the week-end.

In escaping from Shanghai, General Liu disguised himself as a merchant and with a borrowed suit and a Chinese quilt evaded detection by Wang's agents on the wharf.

Chen Kung-po

"Though Mayor of Shanghai, Chen Kung-po is virtually powerless," declared General Liu and explained that the administration is being controlled by more than one independent organisation.

KING DOWN A SHELTER

The King and Queen walked through the long tunnels of a public shelter with crowds walking on either side of them singing the National Anthem.

It was the first time they had been down a deep shelter.

Two thousand people were still there when the King and Queen arrived soon after "Raiders passed" had been sounded.

The King's first question was how many people could shelter there, and when he was told the number was between eight and nine thousand he commented on the excellent arrangements of the shelter.

The King and Queen emerged from the shelter some way from where the royal cars were standing.

Good Luck

They walked for a quarter of a mile along a street among the morning shopping crowds.

By the time they reached them there was an escort of several hundred shoppers and shopkeepers cheering.

A man in the crowd shouted, "Jolly good luck to you!" as the King walked to his car.

The King stopped, smiled, and answered, "The same to you and to all of you."

The King and Queen went to the Wandsworth first aid station, where they inspected mobile hospital units and talked to members of first aid parties.

Their Majesties inspected surface shelters before returning to Buckingham Palace.

DULLNESS ON THE STOCK MARKET

Dullness persisted on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Gill-edged recovered early losses and Kaffirs were firm'y held and occasionally higher; elsewhere the market generally was heavy. Industrials were dull and textiles, breweries, steels, stores and tobaccos were all lower. Losses were also recorded in tins, rubbers, and oils and some selling of home rails was witnessed. Japanese bonds recovered further. Wall Street was very quiet.—Reuter.

"ONIONS"

A Sunderland of the Coastal Command, on convoy escort, picked up its convoy far out to sea.

No sooner had the flying boat taken station than a ship at the tail of the steaming line began to signal by lamp.

The word "Onions" was spelt out in morse several times—just that one word "Onions" and nothing more.

Everybody in the Sunderland wondered what was meant. The code book gave no possible explanation.

"Message not understood. Please repeat and explain" signalled the Sunderland. But still the merchant ship went on spelling: "Onions, Onions, Onions." So the captain of the Sunderland gave it up, and flew on to watch for enemy submarines.

A fortnight later the captain of the Sunderland received a letter from the skipper of the ship. The letter was addressed to the Sunderland under its identification letters, "c/o Air Ministry, London."

"We had been listening to the wireless news," wrote the ship's master "and heard that you in England were suffering from an acute shortage of onions. My ship was loaded to the hatches with onions, and I wanted to give the good news to the first bit of England we sighted. You were it."

Another Coastal Command convoy story:—A little ship joined a convoy and hoisted a strange, white bearded, scare-crow-like figure to the mast head. The captain of the escorting flying boat, gravely puzzled, asked the reason. Was it a signal of distress?

There was an interchange of morse conversation. "That figure is our Santa Claus," said the ship. "We made it. We have a cargo of fruit for the Christmas markets. That's why we are flying Santa at the main."

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Mr. Moller leading in Moonlight, F. Nodt up, surprise winner of the first race yesterday.

SOFTBALL NOTES

Girls Games Played In Uncomfortable Rain Canuckettes Extended By Panthers

Efegina Babida's First No-Hitter

By "Grandstand"

BEFORE A HANDFUL of die-hards, the full three-game schedule in the Ladies Softball League was played off under a drizzling rain. As expected both the Wildcats-Chung Hwa and Cardinals-Little Flowers tilts proved to be pushovers, whilst the Canadian Chinese were fully extended by the Baby Panthers before they could take the verdict in a 16-12 decision.

Mary Ng, on the slab for the Maple Leafs, chucked her usual hard and fiery ball and only allowed three scattered hits, while fanning seven Panthers, which is some going, considering the wet

ball caused by the condition of the ground. Mary Ng passed four to first against Panther hurler Lella Xavier's one, but the latter countered difficultly with the wet ball and was content just to toss them over at the sacrifice of speed, which proved disastrous as she was nipped for 14 safeties.

Pennant Hopes Crash

Fielding only eight players, Canadian Chinese pennant hopes slumped to a new low, when the Panthers blanked them in the initial frame, and chalked up a flying start of four runs on Regina Xavier's double, helped by three Canuckette miscues, but in the next stanza, the Maple Leafs came right back with a vengeance, and pushed six markers across the pan on three safeties, including Mary Ng's four-master with ducks in the pond.

In the Panthers home half of the inning, they replied with four tallies on only one hit, assisted by six (count 'em) errors to take the lead once more.

Both sides were unable to score in the third, but in the fourth, the Canadians threatened when Ullian Khoo banged out a Ruthian wallon with none aboard, but the side was retired without further gain, when Rene Yuen popped out leaving Jay Wong and Mary Ng stranded on the sacks.

In the fifth, the Canuckettes went to town, as they unleashed another three-hit four-run uprising.

One more tally in the sixth, together with four counters in the last, cinched the game for the Canadians.

Panthers' Spirit

The Panthers displayed a sample of their undying spirit when they produced four runs after two away in a last-inning rally, giving the Maple Leafs a scare.

As Coach Bill Woo afterwards remarked, "It was close!"

Canuckettes Mary Ng and Ullian Khoo were each good for a homer a piece, whilst Pantherette hurler Lella Xavier clouted the only triple, chasing in team-mates Celeste Guterres and Alec Mendonca.

Regina Xavier, Hilda "Bambina" Soares, Vivian Louie and Ullian Khoo were good for doubles.

Panther short-stop Regina Xavier, had a poor day on the field, no less than seven errors being chalked up against her, whilst Thelma "Peanut" Marques and Canuckette third-sacker Vivian Louie both committed four errors.

Easy Pickings

The Wildcats found Chung Hwa hurler Fungie Law easy pickings, connecting her for 19 safeties, to hand out a 37-5 trimming, at the same time fattening their batting averages, in a six-inning massacre. Wildcat slabstress Thelma Collaco fanned four, whilst Chung Hwa chucker Fungie Law issued nine free tickets to first.

The Wildcats fielded a scratch team, but each untanned feline was good for at least two hits, except Mary Mar and Virginia Chu, both of whom only connected safely once in six times.

Chung Hwa scored four of their five runs in the first inning, on two bobbles and three passed balls, but was held scoreless until the last semester, when another run was produced on a squeeze play.

The longest hit of the game was made by Thelma Collaco, when she belted in the only four-bagger of the fray. Margaret Young's

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

SENIOR LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	9	2	.818
Indian Softballers	9	3	.750
Hong Kong Baseballers	8	3	.727
Recreio Acca	6	4	.600
Cyclones	6	5	.545
Chinese Baseballers	3	8	.333
Filipinos	2	9	.182
Canadian Chinese	0	11	.000
JUNIOR LEAGUE			
Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.R.C.	9	1	.900
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Recreio Bros	6	3	.667
Cosmopolitans	6	4	.600
Liga Portuguesa	4	5	.444
South China	4	5	.444
Royal Scots	1	6	.143
8th R.A.	3	7	.300
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000
LADIES' LEAGUE			
Canadian Chinese	11	1	.917
Wildcats	11	1	.917
Wahoos	9	3	.750
Baby Panthers	7	6	.538
Cardinals	7	6	.538
Recreio Ramblerettes	3	9	.250
Little Flowers	1	11	.083
Chung Hwa	0	12	.000
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Hong Kong Bankers	4	0	1.000
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CHESS

KARPOVICH WINS AGAIN

L. Karpovich maintained his unbeaten record against the pick of the Colony's chess players when he defeated D. E. de Carvalho last night to score his third point in the Colony Open Chess Championship and lead the Tournament by half a point with a game in hand.

Carvalho played an irregular king's pawn opening against his opponent, Karpovich, with black, taking the offensive after Carvalho had early placed himself at a positional disadvantage. Karpovich entered the end game two pawns up and forced his opponent's resignation.

Following is the Colony Senior Chess Championship latest tournament table:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
L. Karpovich	3	3	0	0	3
C. M. Sequeira	4	2	1	1	2 1/2
G. S. Coxhead	3	2	0	1	2
E. Zimmer	3	1	1	1	1 1/2
K. Weiss	4	1	1	2	1 1/2
D. E. de Carvalho	6	0	1	4	1/2

The following games are on the postponed list: Sequeira v Coxhead; Zimmer v Karpovich; Zimmer v Weiss; and Coxhead v Karpovich.

Results in the Colony Junior Championship were: A. Y. Birlikoff beat R. C. Danenberg, and V. V. Kolatchoff beat R. C. Gardner.

tripé was the next longest, but she just couldn't get the lead out of her feet, and was nailed at the home plate in attempting to stretch it into a circuit clout. Lily Mar, who came in at a late stage of the game also tripé.

Babida's First No-Hit

The Cardinals triumphed over the Little Flowers by 19-1, in a game featured by hurler Efegina Babida's first no-hit game of the season.

The Florinians were saved from a white-washing by drawing a walk from Babida and scoring on a wild heave.

MEN'S LEAGUE

POOR GAME

By "Grandstand"

In the Men's senior League, the Chinese Baseballers-Canadian Chinese clash was postponed as both sides were unable to field teams.

In the night-cap, the Filipinos, made up mostly of players of the second division Cosmopolitans, succumbed to a scratch Recreio nine by 12-5, in a game devoid of interest.

Talung Amper hurled for the Islanders and yielded 13 hits, Recreio battery was Gerry Gosano and Charlie Figueiredo, with an infield which included Henry "Old Mause" Barros, and Coco Marques.

In sliding into second base, in the last inning, regular Cosmopolitan first-sacker Tony Sandberg sprained his hip.

TO-DAY'S SEVENS GAMES

Following is the Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament programme for to-day on the Club ground, Happy Valley:

4.50 p.m. Royal Engineers v. 8th Heavy "B". Referee: Lt.-Cdr. Harrison.

5.10 p.m. Combined Small Units v. 12th Heavy "A". Referee: Major Curran.

5.30 p.m. Civil Service v. Police "B". Referee: Lt. Pirie.

5.50 p.m. Club "A" v. Middlesex "A". Referee: J. S. Riddell.

REVISED HOCKEY FIXTURES

Following are the revised fixtures for the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament:

FEBRUARY 23

A. N. Other XI	v	Destroyers
C.B.A.	v	5th A.A. "B"
Recreio	v	University
Nomads	v	R.E.
Police "B"	v	Punjabi
2nd M.T.B.s	v	R.C. Signals
5th A.A. "A"	v	Khalisa

MARCH 9

Police "A"	v	Recreio
5th A.A. "B"	v	Police "B"
Gunboats	v	Khalisa
C.B.A.	v	R.E.
University	v	Nomads
5th A.A. "A"	v	Punjabi

MARCH 16

R.E.	v	Police "A"
5th A.A. "A"	v	Police "B"
Recreio	v	Nomads
5th A.A. "B"	v	Gunboats
C.B.A.	v	Destroyers
R.E.	v	University
Khalisa	v	R.C. Signals

MARCH 23

2nd M.T.B.s	v	Police "A"
Recreio	v	Punjabi
Gunboats	v	Nomads
University	v	5th A.A. "B"

MARCH 30

5th A.A. "A"	v	Police "A"
Destroyers	v	University
Nomads	v	5th A.A. "B"
C.B.A.	v	R.C. Signals
Recreio	v	Khalisa
2nd M.T.B.s	v	R.E.

APRIL 6

Police "A"	v	Punjabi
5th A.A. "A"	v	Nomads
Destroyers	v	5th A.A. "B"

APRIL 13

5th A.A. "B"	v	R.E.
Nomads	v	2nd M.T.B.s

NEEDA TOP OF TABLE

Following is how the jockeys and owners fared in the first two days of the Annual Race Meeting:

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Un.
V. V. Needa	4	2	1	8
C. B. Moller	3	2	1	5
H. C. Pih	2	2	1	8
W. H. S. Davis	2	2	0	10
Ip Kui-ying	2	0	1	1
S. C. Liang	2	0	1	5
H. J. A. Hearn	2	0	0	4
F. Noodt	1	3	2	7
W. G. Puy	1	2	0	5
P. Y. T. Wei	1	1	3	8
D. H. S. Craven	1	0	2	6
H. J. Holden	1	0	1	0
P. P. Botelho	1	0	1	7
B. L. Tao	1	0	1	15
R. M. Wood	1	0	0	5
M. M. Sokoloff	0	3	0	7
L. B. Chao	0	2	1	10
K. W. Fung	0	1	0	0
A. D. Coppin	0	1	0	2
D. G. Woo	0	1	0	2
S. L. Sung	0	1	0	8
D. Black	0	0	4	11
L. J. A. Fielden	0	0	1	0
Tang Man-wa	0	0	1	3
S. W. Tang	0	0	1	4
H. S. Chang	0	0	1	10
S. W. Pan	0	0	0	1
M. F. L. Haymes	0	0	0	1
G. W. Cooper	0	0	0	1
J. Barrow	0	0	0	1
H. C. Chan	0	0	0	1
T. W. Chattey	0	0	0	2
F. A. Sequeira	0	0	0	2
S. W. Lee	0	0	0	2
K. I. Ip	0	0	0	2
C. L. Gregory	0	0	0	2
B. A. Proulx	0	0	0	2
R. K. C. Chiu	0	0	0	3
Yeung Wing-kwai	0	0	0	3
Chiu K. fan	0	0	0	5
Ho Hong-ping	0	0	0	7
Hoo Pak-ming	0	0	0	8
G. Treverton	0	0	0	8
S. L. Yuen	0	0	0	11

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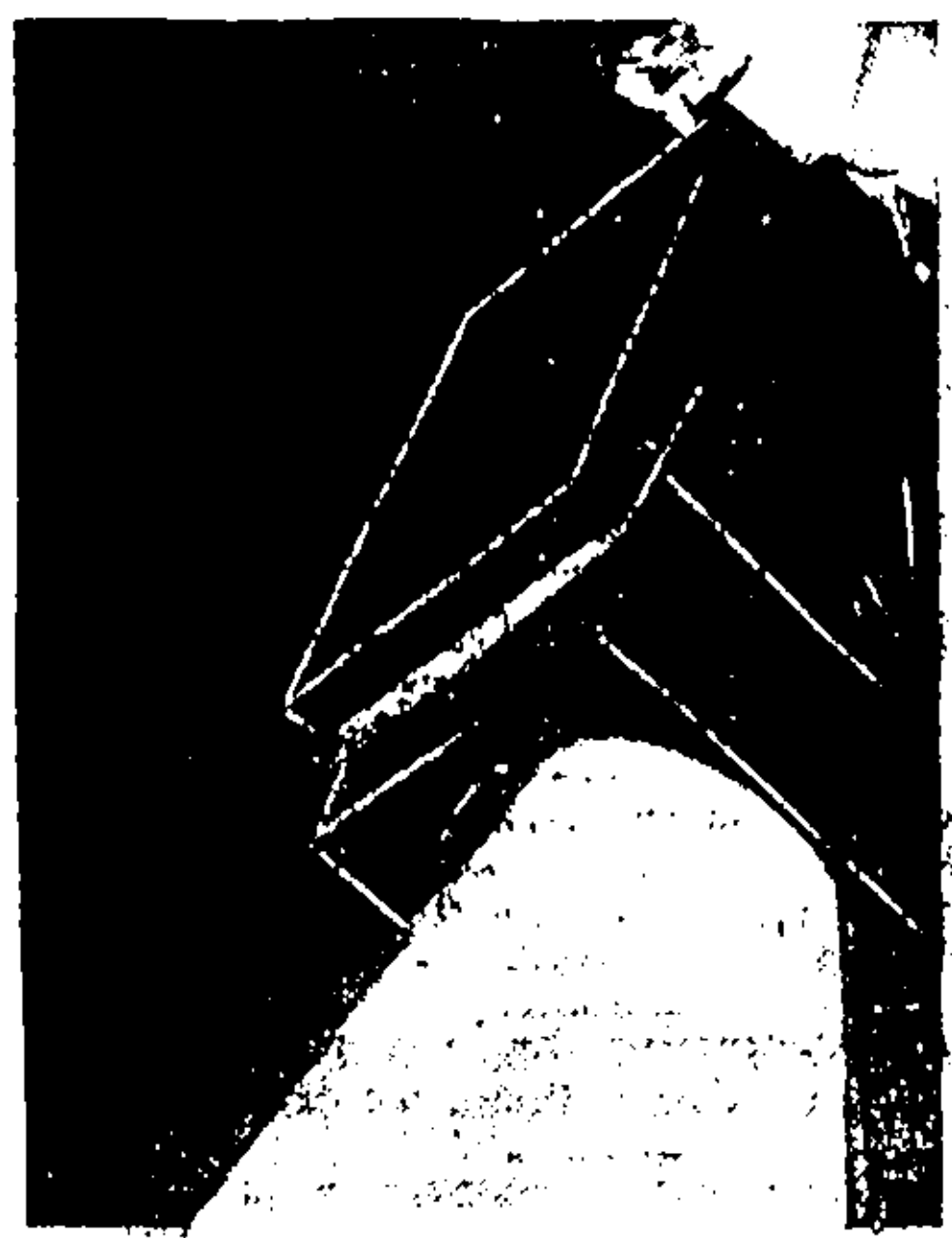
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Cire	3	3	2
T. K. L.	3	1	1
Eve	2	3	0
Lan	2	2	1
Necan	2	0	0
Li Po-chun	2	0	0
Eu Tong-sen	1	1	0
P. & L.	1	0	1
C. W. K.	1	0	0
Mrs. A. E. Grasett	1	0	0
Young Bros.	1	0	0
Weetoo	1	0	0
Shields & Stantons	1	0	0
C. C. F.	1	0	0
Kia Ora	1	0	0
Hollandia	1	0	0
P. M. Hoo	1	0	0
C. H.	0	2	0
S. K.	0	1	1
G. Tinson	0	1	1
Lee Bros.	0	1	0
Lee Chi-choh	0	1	0
Billy	0	1	0
S. W. Lee	0	1	0
Dynasty	0	1	0
Kong Bros.	0	1	0
Culture	0	1	0
Wai Shiu-pak	0	1	0
G. A. Harriman	0	1	0
C. N. K.	0	0	2
Marber	0	0	2
T. L.	0	0	1
W. T. Stanton	0	0	1
Quartermaster	0	0	1
Gredmaka	0	0	1
L. W. S.	0	0	1
Toots	0	0	1
Vilaja	0	0	1
Pearstun	0	0	1
S. S.	0	0	1
Manetta	0	0	1
Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen	0	0	1
I. L.	0	0	1
C. H. Chan	0	0	1

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WEMBLEY MAY NOT SEE 1941 CUP FINAL

Wembley Stadium has staged the Cup Final every year since the memorable opening in 1923, when 150,000 people watched the West Ham and Bolton Wanderers match, but it is generally considered that unless conditions show a vast change the final will not be played there this season.

It would mean that a London club reaching the final would have to travel to the provinces, but then they would only be in the peace-time position of the provincial clubs. In any case, London could always stage its own London Cup final at Wembley as some compensation. — Reuter.



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1940 ENGLISH FLAT-RACING SEASON ONE OF STRANGEST

THE 1940 FLAT RACING season will be remembered as one of the strangest in the history of the Turf. The War seriously interfered with the sport which was greatly curtailed.

The Derby and Oaks were run at Newmarket instead of at Epsom, the Cambridgeshire, for the first time, took place at Nottingham, and there was no official St. Leger. The best that could be done was to stage the Yorkshire St. Leger at Thirsk on the last day of the season.

The greatest blow the sport received was the suspension for three months in what should have been the best part of the season. There was no racing in the South after June, meetings being held in the Midlands and the North in addition to Newmarket.

Djebel In France

A French horse, Djebel, won the 2,000 Guineas and then went back to his own country. When France capitulated Djebel was reported to have been sent to Germany, but he has since reported to have won a race in France.

Many meetings were cancelled at short notice, and as there was no rule which provided for them to be held elsewhere the Stewards of the Jockey Club decided to modify the Rules of Racing so that every race closing after Nov. 1, 1940, could be run on any course selected by them. This was a wise move, for previously when a meeting was abandoned the races had to be re-opened and fresh entries made.

It was fortunate for Mr. Fred Darling, the owner of Pont l'Eveque, that new entries had to be made for the Derby, as the horse was not in the original race.

Aga Khan Sells

During the year, the Aga Khan sold his Derby winners, Bahram and Mahmood, to American breeders. Sir Abe Bailey died in South Africa, and Mr. J. B. Joel in England. Both were at one time among the strongest supporters of the Turf. Horses were sold at ridiculously low prices at the Newmarket Sales, and small prices brought out huge fields at some meetings.

Gordon Richards is the champion jockey for the fourteenth time in fifteen years. He rode 68 winners, had 56 seconds, 47 thirds, and was unplaced on 172 occasions. For the first time in his career, Gordon won the Lincolnshire Handicap and the Cesarewitch.

The Derby again eluded him. He was unplaced on Tant Mieux, a stable-companion of Pont l'Eveque. Two years previously Gordon was in the same position when Bois Roussel won for Fred Darling's stable. On that occasion the champion rode the better-fancied stable companion, Pasch.

The best apprentices were again R. Lacey, K. Mullins and C. Littlewood. All three had a good season, but Lacey had a bad fall at Nottingham which stopped him from riding for the remainder of the season.

Godiva Wins

Godiva was the best three-year-old filly. She won the 1,000

Guineas, and New Oaks with ease. Many people thought that she was better than Pont l'Eveque. When racing stopped, Godiva was sent to Ireland where she met with a fatal accident.

It was uncertain which was the best of the two-year-olds until the last week of the season, when Poise, owned by Mr. J. A. Dewar, conclusively proved his right to be regarded as such when he easily won the Back End Stakes at Newmarket. Unfortunately, he was not entered for any of the classic races. Even if he had been he would not have been eligible to compete as he is a gelding, and the classics are open only to entire colts and fillies.

Poise is trained by Fred Darling at Beckenhampton. In that stable is probably also the best two-year-old filly, a daughter of Unidwar and Rosetta. Like Poise, she has yet to be beaten.

The King won only one race during the season. This was with Merry Wanderer, a useful two-year-old who should do further good service in the Royal colours. The colt is engaged in the 2,000 Guineas and the Derby in 1941, but will have to improve considerably if he is to win a classic race. *Reuter*

GORDON RICHARDS' PIGEONS

For a long time Gordon Richards has been doing voluntary service of a military character in connection with pigeons, writes a correspondent.

He is a well-known fancier and owns one of the finest lofts in the world.

He has given these pigeons, which have won him many races and are worth £2,000, to the Government.

Richards, who is 36, will probably be called to the Colours before flat-racing is resumed in the Spring, and the man who has been champion jockey of Britain more times than any other—14 in 15 years—and whose earnings have constituted a Turf record will be looking at life with the eyes of a soldier.

Gordon's income for years has been five figures. His retting has been around £5,000 a year. I have myself attended championship dinners which must have cost around £1,000 each—figures which will appear monumental on the 1s. 6d. a day soldier's rations.

Soldier-jockeys are worried by the question of leave. Some are generously treated by their commanding officers; others are not so lucky.

Only the other day I shook hands with a successful rider who feared he would not see a race-course again until the end of the war.

CRICKET AGAIN OFF

The final fixture of the Volunteer cricket week which should have been played at Hong Kong Cricket Club to-day between the Officers and Sergeants, and Other Ranks, has been cancelled. Both previous fixtures were also cancelled.

The match between K.C.C. and R.A.S.C. which should have been played at Cox's Road to-day has also been cancelled.

To-day's Badminton

Following is to-day's "B" Division League Badminton programme:

J.R.C. v. Reclalo
St. Andrew's v. St. John's
Kowloon v. Police
Tong v. Police
The match between Chung Wah and King's College was played on February 10.

VARSITY SOCCER MATCH

There is the true story of an Oxford Undergraduate walking down the High one boat-race morning and saying to a passer-by: "Excuse me, sir, but can you tell me the date of the Boat Race?"

If that exaggerates the lack of interest of modern Oxford in one of the two events which at one time carried the only Blues—cricket was the other—it is pathetically true of the inter-Varsity Soccer match, latest of which was played recently, writes L. V. Manning.

The first war-time game played at Oxford last December was, I remember, entirely surrounded by other diversions, including a Rugby game and a girl Undergraduate hockey match. The athletic club had, in great restraint, refrained from using the running track.

And the hundred odd who looked on seemed to find as much to watch in the hockey as in the Soccer.

Which was understandable.

There were some very pretty girls. The soccer match (a 2-2 draw) should be remembered not for the football, but for the perseverance in the face of much discouragement of the little group of enthusiasts which averted a gap in the historic sequence.

CRICKET, SOCCER LOSSES

Here's something which reflects the sort of war this is (so far) compared with last time, writes L. V. Manning.

I do not know the actual number of soccer footballers and cricketers killed in the first 15 months of Great War No. 1, but it ran into hundreds. So far, four first-class cricketers and seven Football League professionals have been killed. The four cricketers were amateurs, three of them being former County captains—F. T. Ekersley (Lancashire), R. P. Nelson (Northants), G. B. Legge (Kent), and R. E. C. Butterworth (Middlesex).

The seven footballers are Tom Cooper (Liverpool), Frank Carpenter (Manchester United), Robert Gordon (Huddersfield Town), Joseph Carr (Sheffield United), Grenville Roberts (Nottingham Forest), Stanley Docking (Tranmere Rovers), and Ernest Bell (Aldershot).

In addition, Charles Jones (Southend) was reported missing from a trawler fleet in October.

VETERAN BOWLER'S SPLENDID FEAT

Here is the story of Freddie Fischer, veteran Buffalo bowler who at the age of 51 won the sport's most coveted honour—the A.B.C. all-events championship—with a smashing total of 2001 pins.

Freddie Fischer has been bowling for 39 years, but it was only seven years ago that he picked up the finesse which last spring brought him the sport's most coveted achievement—the American Bowling Congress all-events championship.

And he picked up that finesse in the kitchen.

Not that Fischer wasn't a good enough bowler before. He started at 12, and has been among the best in Buffalo since he was 14. Although he has no records on the thousands of games he has rolled, his lifetime average is 200 pins—and you don't get an average like that without being at least pretty good.

But for 32 years he rolled a straight ball, relied on uncanny control.

Then seven years ago Andy Varipapa, the trick artist, visited Fischer for several days, taught him to roll a hook ball. They spent long hours practicing in the kitchen in Fischer's home, rolling the ball back and forth until Fischer got onto the technique of pulling out his thumb at just the right moment and imparting spin with his fingers.

Applying that technique on the alleys was easy after that. Fischer's game improved steadily.

It improved so much that at 51—when most bowlers are way past their prime—he won the A.B.C. all-events title in Detroit.

He became one of the oldest men in A.B.C. history to take the championship, although Phil Wolfe, now dead, won in 1928 at 60.

Mark Surpassed Only Six Times

To win this super-honour, Fischer rolled a total score of 2001 pins, a mark which has been surpassed only six times in the tournament's history.

The highest score is 2070, held by Max Stein of Belleville, Ind.

Fischer's scores were 488 in the five-man team event, 667 in the two-man and 646 in the individual event—an average of more than 222 pins for each of nine games. His main trouble was with the No. 10 pin. He shot at it 19 times in the nine games.

When he got a telegram telling him he had won the all-events, Fischer figured he was just about the happiest man in the country.

Fischer's entire life revolves around bowling. He is proprietor of one of Buffalo's finest bowling layouts, and has his whole family interested.

He and his son, Fred, Jr., have a standing offer to bowl any father and son in the country. It's a

challenge that has stood for five years without takers. There are two daughters, too—Gladys, who rolls about 165, and Betty, who is just starting.

Fischer has taken part in 25 A.B.C. tournaments, and in that time the best bowlers all over the country have learned to know him.

Fischer Aspires To Repeat In '41

In Buffalo, they all know Freddie Fischer—good and bad bowlers alike. Most of them call him Kuemmel Weck Fischer—a name he picked up from working in his father's bakery as a boy. Kuemmel Weck is the German term for a kind of caraway-seed-topped bun.

In addition to his stint in the bakery, Kuemmel Weck worked setting up pins in a bowling alley just three doors from his home, and that's how it all started.

After 30 years, he's still active, although he doesn't bowl as many games as he did 10 or 20 years ago. He says his control isn't quite what it once was, but the hook still gets 'em.

He tends bar at his bowling establishment, still finds time to bowl with a team that's entered in three leagues with an average of 197 for 99 games so far this season.

Fischer is going to the A.B.C. tournament in St. Paul determined to repeat or at least to take one of the event titles—a feat never accomplished in A.B.C. history in successive years.

He may not beat out all of the 30,000 bowlers who will roll, but Freddie Kuemmel Weck Fischer will at least be up among the contenders, and if he can get that 10 pin to fall, watch out!

GARRISON SNOOKER

Latest results of matches played in the Garrison Snooker League are:

R. A. Station Sergeants' Mess, (Stanley) 3, Royal Army Medical Corps, 3; Royal Engineers "A", 4, Royal Signals Corps Mess, 2; Royal Engineers Sergeants' Mess, 4, Royal Signals "A", 2; Royal Army Pay Corps, 3, Corps of Military Police, 3.

TABLE TO DATE			
	P.	W.	L.
R.A.M.C.	5	2	0
R.E. "A"	5	2	0
R.E. Sergeants' Mess	5	2	1
R.A. Sergeants' Stanley	5	1	0
C. M. Police	5	1	0
Royal Signals Cpls.	5	1	2
R.A.P.C.	5	0	5
Royal Signals "A"	5	0	5

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ISOLATION HOLDS FLOOR

Sharp Attacks On Roosevelt Policy In Senate

ENEMY BOMBER CATCHES TARTAR

An Admiralty communique states: "An enemy aircraft was shot down in the North Sea early yesterday morning by the minesweeping trawler Stella Rigel."

When the enemy aircraft approached and circled the minesweeping trawler the commanding officer himself opened fire. He scored hits immediately and the enemy aircraft exploded in the air.

There were no survivors from the enemy aircraft and no casualties were sustained by the trawler." — British Wireless.

MINESWEEPER SUNK

The Admiralty (says a Reuter cable from London) announces that the minesweeper Huntly has been sunk. Next of kin have been informed.

'Gamble' On British Victory!

OPENING THE opposition's attack in the Senate on the Lease and Lend Bill yesterday Senator Clark (Missouri) said he saw the Bill as a gamble "upon the one card of complete British victory, taking the United States to the very brink of war."

"As much as I admire the heroism of the British in the defence of their own island I am entirely unwilling to commit this country to the defence of the British Empire around the world."

Senator Clark urged that American taxpayers should not be asked to make sacrifices by the adoption of measures which Canada, New Zealand and Australia were not called upon to enact.

Hopes for a relatively quiet approval of the Bill by the Senate were raised when Senator Clark said the opposition did not desire to prolong the debate unduly and referred to "a few brief days."

Opponents of the Bill held the floor of the Senate throughout the day.

"War G.H.Q."

Senator Vandenberg, though emphasising his personal support of aid for Britain, declared the White House had become "the general headquarters for the second World War."

He asserted the Bill would make President Roosevelt power politician number one of the world.

Senator Gerald Nye, who followed, asked whether President Roosevelt was entertaining the notion of a permanent alliance with Britain.—Reuter.

Italians Under No Illusion

WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN INDICATION OF ITALIAN REALISATION OF THE DIFFICULTIES AHEAD OF THEM IN EAST AFRICA IS CONTAINED IN A TELEGRAM FROM THE DUKE OF AOSTA, VICEROY OF ABYSSINIA, TO THE DUCE THANKING HIM FOR PROMOTION AS GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE AND QUOTED BY ROME RADIO YESTERDAY.

The Duke says, inter alia: "We will last somehow at any cost," adding that the Italian people are ready for any sacrifice for the achievement of victory.

The announcer, commenting, said: "The Duke attains this rank on the battlefield for at this moment he is leading his men in one of the hardest battles ever fought by the Italian army against a well armed and well prepared enemy." — Reuter.

CANADA'S NEW WAR BUDGET

MR. J. L. ILSLEY, CANADA'S FINANCE MINISTER, WILL ASK FOR \$1,300,000,000 FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THE WAR DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1941/1942, COMPARED WITH \$700,000,000 THE PRECEDING YEAR.

This sum, plus \$443,000,000 which Mr. Ilsley estimated to be necessary to cover all requirements except in the air, brings the total expenditure for 1941/1942 to \$1,743,000,000.—Reuter.

FEATS OF SOUTH AFRICAN AIRMEN

THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE, OPERATING IN EAST AFRICA, HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ARTHUR LONGMORE, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST.

"Best congratulations to the South African Air Force on its splendid contribution to success in the offensive now taking place. I am following their activities with great interest." — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The big sweep on the Rooty Hill Derby, which has now passed the \$950,000 mark, was officially to have been closed at 10 a.m. to-day.

Because of the postponement of the races, the sweep is being kept open until Saturday morning.

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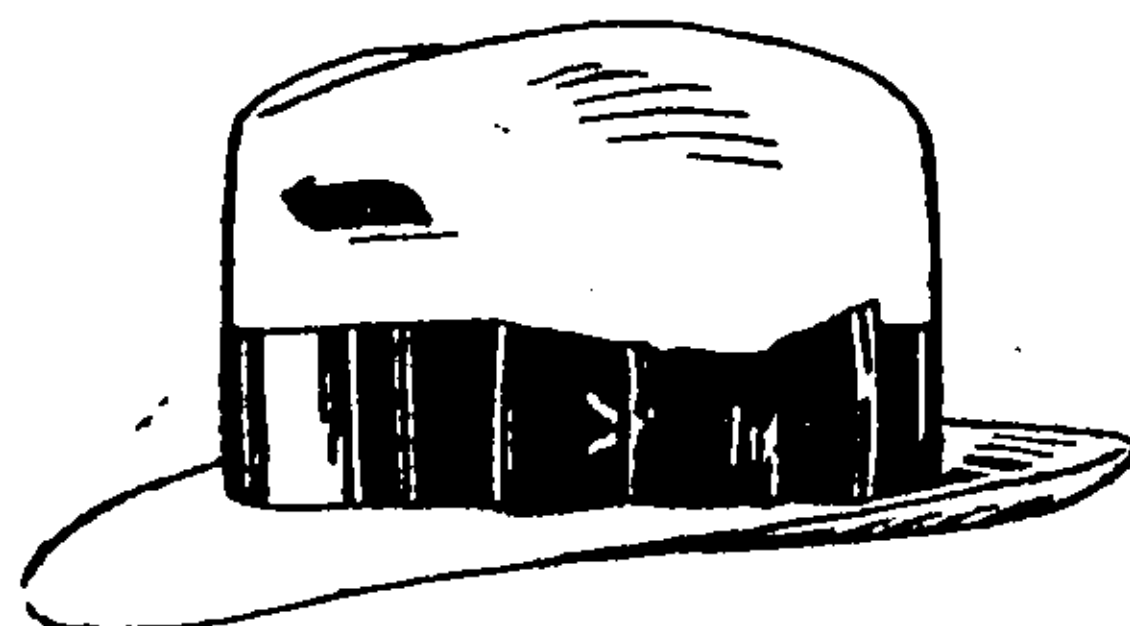


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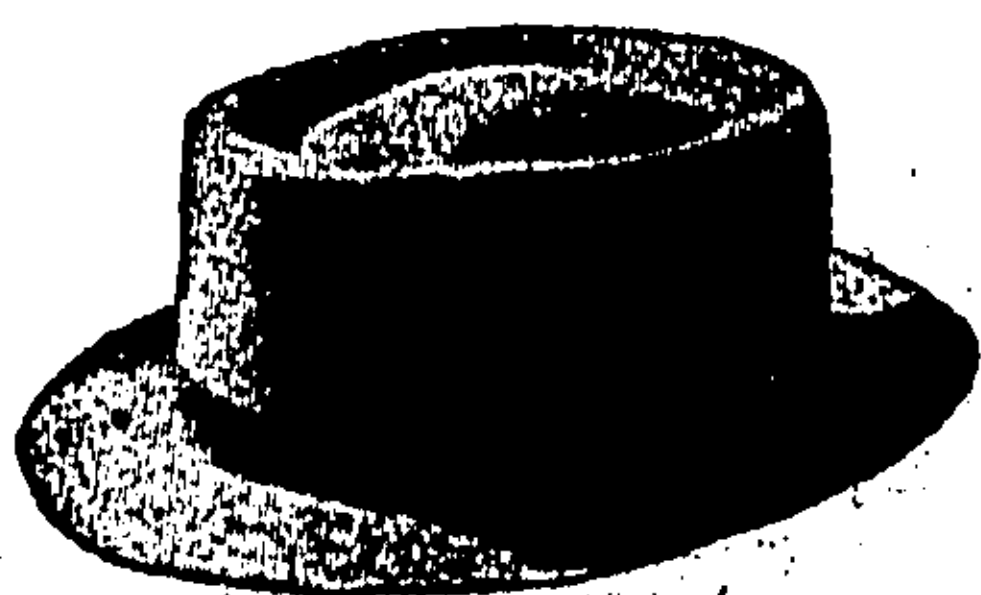


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"THOUSANDS" OF AUSTRALIAN TROOPS ARRIVE IN F.M.S.

It was officially announced in Singapore last night that thousands of Australian troops arrived in Singapore last evening.

After disembarking from transports the Australian forces entrained for destinations throughout Malaya.

The men come from every State in the Commonwealth and are equipped to the last detail. — *Reuter*.

Darlan Making Demands

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Still firm in dislike of England but equally determined to keep the French fleet out of German hands, Admiral Darlan visited Paris last night on another showdown mission to the Nazis.

IT BECAME INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT THE GERMANS HAVE MADE OR WILL MAKE OUTRIGHT DEMANDS FOR THE FRENCH FLEET AND BASES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

In the face of these demands Vichy emphasised its position to Germany with requests for—

The release of a million or more French war prisoners held in the Reich or in German-occupied territory.

Second, a sharp demarcation line between occupied and unoccupied France.

At present there is not even postal communication between the zones. — *International News Service*.

JAPAN'S ROVING MINISTERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo reports announce that Mr. Wakasugi, former Consul-General in New York, has been appointed Minister-at-large to work with Admiral Nomura in Washington, and Mr. Kokuma, former Minister of Latvia, has been given a similar appointment to work with the Japanese Ambassador in Berlin. — *International News Service*.

Any Overt Act By Japan To Be Met

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was learned by International News in Washington last night that Britain and the Netherlands East Indies are ready to force a military showdown on the basis of a declared war at the first overt act by Japan.

It is expected, if the Far East crisis suddenly produces war, that the United States will speedily move toward active participation, though the State Department has not given such a commitment. — *International News Service*.

WASHINGTON GUESSES AT NAZI OBJECTIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

INTERPRETATION of developments in the Balkans by certain quarters in Washington last night was that behind the Turkish-Bulgarian declaration lies a far-reaching German move to prevent Britain from eventually launching a land offensive in Europe through the back-door of the Balkans.

This interpretation hardly agrees with what is known of the considerations which dictated the friendly exchange between Bulgaria and Turkey, or with the announcement that the British and Greek Ambassadors to Turkey had long and cordial talks with M. Sarajoglu before signatures were attached to the declaration.

GERMAN WARNING TO U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A remarkable warning that the United States should not underestimate the naval and air strength of Japan was issued in an article in Berlin yesterday sanctioned by the German High Command.

Asserting that Japan is better armed than the United States the article said the American Congress would "set the Far East afire again" if it provoked a rupture between Washington and Tokyo.

For what they are worth, however, the suggestions put forward in Washington political quarters are that developments give ground for the belief that by a combination of threats and promises, Germany has persuaded Russia to reverse its Balkan policy and to withdraw support of Turkish resistance to German moves in Bulgaria.

It is argued that Germany wants to fortify the Balkan mountains from the Black Sea to Yugoslavia.

It is alleged that Berlin told Moscow and statesmen in the Balkan capitals that unless the mountains were fortified and defended by the Nazis, Britain would one day attempt to go through them and attack Germany. — *International News Service*.

"Russia and China have already made the same mistake, America is at the same cross-roads as in 1917, when she chose the wrong road." — *International News Service*.

GREEK REPLY TO RUMOURS

KEEPING UP VIOLENT ATTACK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT WAS ANNOUNCED in Athens last night that the Greeks, fighting against desperate resistance in the central sector of the Albanian front, have captured positions of great strategic importance dominating the entire area.

Further north the Greeks dislodged the Italians from several positions, inflicting heavy losses.

Meanwhile, in London, British sources treated as Nazi-inspired all reports from the Balkans suggesting that the Greeks might be forced to accept a Nazi peace.

It is pointed out that, although nothing definite is known of Germany's offer to Yugoslavia as a trade for her "neutrality," reports from Berlin suggest that Yugoslavia was offered part of Mussolini's Albanian territory and an outlet to the Aegean through Thrace.

A cynical offer of Greek territory by Germany to Yugoslavia hardly suggests itself as the best contribution to readiness in Greece to respond to German overtures, though it is known that the German Minister is exerting heavy pressure in support of Hitler's war of nerves. — *International News Service*.

WEATHER FORECAST: — East and south-east winds, moderate; cloudy, with mist and occasional rain.

STRANGE D.E.I. REPORT

A Japanese report was circulated in Batavia yesterday stating that all Dutch East Indies ports, except two ports in North Borneo, had been closed to Japanese shipping.

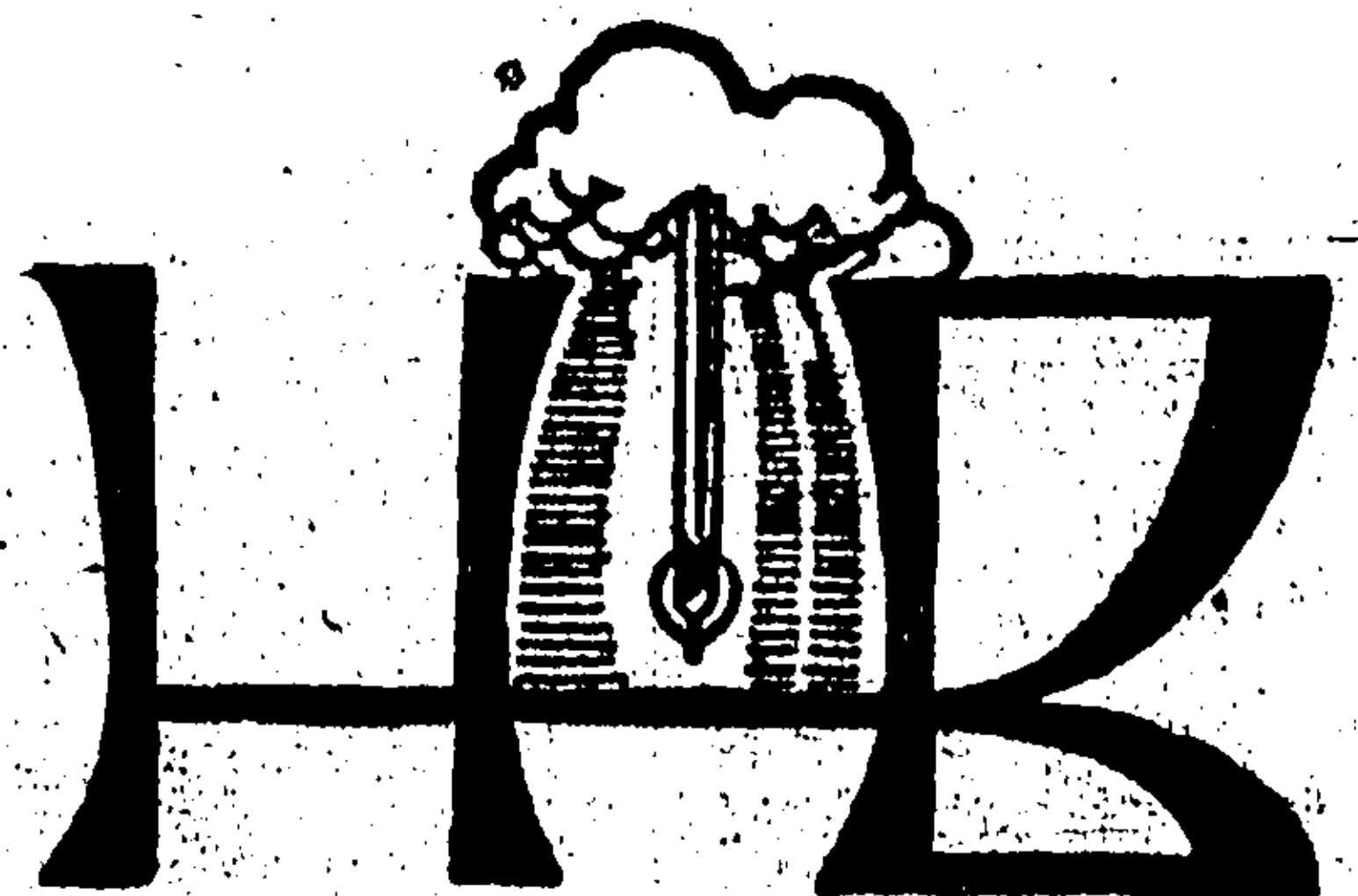
Officials of the Dutch East Indies Government, says *Reuter's* correspondent, declined to comment on the report, declaring that they "haven't received any information." — *Reuter*.

DENMARK'S PROTEST TO CHILE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

According to D.N.B., the Danish Government has protested to Chile against the alleged seizure of certain Danish ships. — *International News Service*.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Britain Warned To Prepare For New Rationing Orders

NECESSITY OF CARE WITH SHIPPING

ENORMOUS DAMAGE AT SANTANDER

The fire which devastated Santander is now under control.

First estimates place the damage at £6,250,000.

The Bank of Spain building, though in the middle of the fire area, was undamaged.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S HIGHER ESTIMATES

A considerable increase in the cost of running certain Government departments appears in the 1941 estimates, in a vote on account presented in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Foreign Office estimates are £834,769, compared with £474,917 for the year ended March 31, 1941.

The Colonial and Dominions Office estimates are up.

India and Burma services are expected to cost £2,180,743 against an estimate for the present year of £2,116,319.

The estimate for broadcasting is, for the coming year, £5,600,000, against £4,700,000.

Token Votes

A number of departments present only token votes for their expenditure, including the Ministries of Aircraft Production, of Economic Warfare, of Shipping and of Supply.

The secret service is represented in a token vote of £100.

The civil and revenue department estimates for the coming year total £534,298,535 compared with £522,542,588 for the year ending March 31.—Reuter.

PRINCE EDWARD RD. HOUSES ROBBED

Mr. A. Gourdin, of No. 271, Prince Edward Road, second floor, reported the theft of clothing valued at \$33 from his residence yesterday. Mr. W. D. Joyce, of No. 269, Prince Edward Road, reported that clothing valued at \$10 had been stolen from his residence.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has moved into the Pacific, pressure being highest to the east of Hokkaido and relatively low over south-west China and Tongking.

BULGAR-HUNGARIAN CULTURAL PACT

A cultural agreement between Hungary and Bulgaria was signed yesterday, according to Budapest radio quoted by Reuter.

Fifty-three cases (one imported) of tuberculosis, nine of dysentery, two of typhoid and one each of meningitis and measles were notified to the Health Authorities yesterday.

REVIEWING BRITAIN'S food situation in the House of Lords yesterday Lord Woolton, the Food Minister, said Britain would have to be ready for much greater restrictions than had yet been experienced but said that though Britain had lost ships and would lose more ships she had not lost command of the seas and would still import.

"We shall," he said, "find the importing capacity of this country reduced because of the care it is necessary for us to take of our ships. Food supplies brought to this country are not in imminent danger of air attack.

"Our port facilities, which have been reduced, will be reduced still further. Our merchant seamen have neither lost their skill, courage nor enterprise. They will bring ships to these shores.

"I believe dock labourers and shipyard workers will spare no efforts to see that these ships are unloaded quickly and speedily repaired in shipyards if needs be."

Animal Protein

Stating we had grown luxurious and must be ready for greater restrictions than we had yet experienced, Lord Woolton said: "I may say without undue optimism that our bread position is strong."

Stating that Britain's greatest weakness was animal protein, Lord Woolton continued that in the last war we had considerable supplies of bacon, cheese, eggs and meat from the Low Countries which were not available to us in this war.

"It would be wrong of me not to disclose that I am greatly concerned about the shortage of some of these commodities and particularly cheese," said Lord Woolton.

Referring to certain ships used to take troops to the Mediterranean, which formerly used to bring meat to Britain, Lord Woolton added: "As long as the Mediterranean campaign is on I see no possibility of our getting these ships back or of increasing the meat ration."

Dual Purpose Crops

"But meat is not our only form of food. We have potatoes, we have vegetables, we have oiled fats. We have so much oil in this country that we can go on for a long time.

"We have also milk, and with these things we can get all the energy, food and health we need.

"We have asked farmers to produce those crops which will make our dairy herds and cattle as little dependent on imported food as possible, beans, kale and dual purpose crops.

"Carrots have become part of the national diet, while our supplies of fruit, either home grown or from other countries, will not be more than 50 per cent of what they have been in the past, and therefore the importance of the carrot is very clear to those who are considering problems connected with vitamins in the national diet.

The Onion

"The Ministry of Agriculture has arranged for the planting of 30,000 acres of carrots this year.

"I do not know whether onions are part of the national diet or not but their scarcity has at any rate provided a national joke.

"I have asked for the planting of 14,000 acres of onions."

Dealing with the maintenance of existing stocks of pigs, poultry and cattle, Lord Woolton said it was very important that we should not attempt to maintain more cattle in Britain than we could successfully feed.

Powdered Milk

In conclusion he remarked that he had arranged for the importation of all the powdered milk we could get from overseas, and we

were holding in Britain powdered milk so that in the event of an emergency we would be able to secure the supply of milk to the public.

It had also been decided to bring oranges to Britain to the greatest extent of our capacity.—Reuter.

Army Rations Queried

The debate on the food situation was raised by Viscount Bledisloe, who asked if Government were satisfied as to the prospective availability during the current year of all essential foods in sufficient quantity to provide adequate rations for the civilian population, the fighting forces and indispensable animals.

Lord Dawson expressed the view there should be more near equality between food granted to the forces and to civilians particularly as this was a totalitarian war the first of its kind in which civilians contributed a larger measure of fighting than ever before. He asked therefore for a review of Army rations.

Replying on the debate Lord Woolton referred to the dangers of the submarine and remarked that the problem was to get most essential foods into the country. So long as people knew the problems and knew they were being handled impartially and with courage and foresight they would face up to them.

Fortified Bread

Assisted by scientific advice he had secured that there would be an adequate supply of white bread for those whom some considered were ill-advised enough to desire it. There would also in months to come be fortified bread and in this the authorities were following the Americans who were already engaged in this fortification of bread. For others there would be whole meal bread in quantities to meet their needs.

Simpler Living

"It is impossible for any nation to wage war and live up to the standards we have grown accustomed to. We must be ready for greater restrictions. We shall have to go back to the days of simpler living when we depended on our own land and when in it we grew the very healthy race that has made the modern world of to-day. We shall be no worse either in body or in mind for great dependence on things we can grow.

Our plans for home production and for importation are carefully co-related. Agricultural policy has been worked out to plan. The agricultural committees of the country have been told just what we want and the evidence of the last year has demonstrated quite clearly that farmers will leave nothing in their capacity undone for our nation's needs."

REGARDING MILITARY RATIONS LORD WOOLTON SAID REPRESENTATIONS TO THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES ON LINES SUGGESTED BY LORD DAWSON HAD BEEN MET WITH A CORDIAL RESPONSE AND IT WOULD NOT BE LONG BEFORE SOMETHING WAS DONE TO MEET CRITICISM SO FAIRLY MADE.—BRITISH WIRELESS.



Members of the Polish Air Force, these men of a Polish squadron of the R.A.F. fought the enemy over their own country and afterwards continued the fight in France with the Armée de l'Air. They were formed into an R.A.F. operational squadron only a few months ago but quickly obtained fame for in the month of September they shot down a record bag of 109 enemy aircraft, including 10 Dorniers and 3 Me 109 definitely destroyed and two more Dorniers and two more Me 109 probably destroyed, in a single day. Their total tally of raids is now over 126. This squadron is led by British flight commanders and a major of the Polish Air Force. Photo shows two ace Polish pilots with F/Lt. J. A. Kent, A. F. C. and newly awarded the D.F.C., one of the British flight commanders. (Copyright, Fox).

DARLAN AGAIN IN PARIS

Admiral Darlan arrived in Paris yesterday afternoon: object of his visit is being kept a secret but well-informed quarters in Paris say he will confer once more with Pierre Laval.

Admiral Darlan's first talk on arrival was with the Vichy envoy, the Comte de Brinon.

It is indicated that other subjects than Laval's personal position may be reviewed.

In Admiral Darlan's talk with Marshal Petain and General Huntziger it was thought the defence aspect of France's relations with Germany must have been considered.

Meanwhile the German-controlled Paris radio has renewed its threatening campaign for closer "collaboration" with Germany.

"It would seem that France, distrusting Germany, only makes superficial promises of collaboration with a number of mental reservations," one speaker said.—Reuter.

RAID ON SUEZ CANAL

Enemy planes raided the Suez Canal area early yesterday morning, it is announced in an official communique in Cairo.

Bombs were dropped but there was no damage or casualties.

The communique adds that "alarms were also sounded in certain other eastern parts of Lower Egypt." — Reuter.

ANGLO-AMERICAN COLLABORATION

MR. AVERELL HARRIMAN, THE AMERICAN FINANCIER, IS TO PROCEED TO ENGLAND WITHIN A FORTNIGHT TO EXPEDITE DEFENCE ARRANGEMENTS.

President Roosevelt announced this at his press conference yesterday and indicated that Mr. Harriman will handle such questions as British defence estimates, priorities and contracts.—Reuter.

U.S. Navy Chief Cautious

Asked whether it was possible that further United States warships could be transferred to Britain, Admiral Stark, U.S. Navy Chief, told newspapermen in Washington yesterday:

"Not for the moment but what will happen later I cannot tell.

"Trying to legislate for what may happen six months from now is impossible. The world is full of surprises these days."

Earlier Admiral Stark had called at the White House where he conferred with President Roosevelt, but he declined to state the purpose of the visit.

He was accompanied by Rear Admiral Gormley, who visited Britain a few months ago.—Reuter.

VICTIM URGES LENIENCY

Ho Kit-chi, 20, was bound over by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for stealing \$39 from Dr. Lee Hotin, Room No. 206, China Building, yesterday.

According to Sub-Inspector T. K. Whelan, defendant stole the money from a box during Dr. Lee's absence. He was formerly employed there as an office boy.

Dr. Lee, for the defendant, asked the Court to give him a chance. He explained that Ho used to be a good honest worker, but had changed since he got mixed up with gamblers.

FOUND HANGED IN PUBLIC LATRINE

The body of a man was found hanging inside a public latrine in Hollywood Road early this morning.

The body was discovered by a Chinese woman, who screamed and fainted.

A large crowd gathered outside and the body was removed to the Mortuary.

KEEPING OPEN OUR LIFE-LINES

Mr. A.V. Alexander On The Effort Of The Navy

Vast Expansion Of Escort Ships

"THE VERY HEART OF OUR STRUGGLE IS KEEPING OPEN OUR LIFE-LINES TO THE WORLD AND ESPECIALLY TO THE UNITED STATES," DECLARED MR. A. V. ALEXANDER, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, IN A BROADCAST REVIEW FROM LONDON YESTERDAY OF THE NAVY'S WORK.

MEETS THE OLD SOLDIERS

Old soldiers greeted General Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief, India, when he attended a Soldiers' Board meeting at Bulanshahr yesterday.

Replying in Urdu to an address of welcome (in which it was stated that under General Auchinleck's leadership India would take a full share in the struggle), the Commander-in-Chief said the British Navy, Army and Air Force were undefeated.

The Air Force was daily gaining in strength, the enemy in Africa was routed and victory was certain.

He added he had seen many Indian soldiers in the Sudan. They were cheerful and well looked after.

He expressed pleasure at the Board's assistance in raising recruits.

The meeting was followed by a demonstration of the manoeuvrability and striking power of tanks on which the old soldiers were invited. —Reuter.

YOUNG GIRL CHARGED

Shum Ho, 18, a Chinese girl, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with entering the Colony without permission on January 22.

It was alleged that she hid herself on board a ship, and attempted to land after the Immigration Officers had completed their investigations.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. She was discharged, the prosecution offering no evidence against her.

N.Z. ENTERS INTO DIPLOMACY

The United States and New Zealand have decided to exchange diplomatic representatives, Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, announced at a press conference in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

The construction of every type of escort vessel, he said, was being speeded up to the full and Britain's shipbuilding capacities were being employed to the full.

"We shall take full advantage of what the United States and the Dominions can do as regards the construction of merchant shipping."

Mr. Alexander continued: "With the assistance of American mercantile shipbuilding I see no reason to expect anything but that we shall win through, and the figures of shipping losses for the last nine weeks are encouraging."

Referring to possible invasion attempts Mr. Alexander said: "We have repeatedly heard of the feelings of despair among soldiers who have known they may be fated to perish in this reckless folly, and while remorselessly impelled, by yielding to the pressure of events, towards this desperate gamble of invasion, another nightmare of Germany has come true, namely a war on two fronts, due to the collapse of Italy which let the German plans down."

No Flash In The Pan

"Our great successes in Africa are no flash in the pan."

"If, in pursuit of a quick end to his desperate gamble against time, an attempt at invasion is made, the men whom Hitler condemns to the task will play a terrible role."

"They will be an army of the doomed, doomed because of Hitler's fatal miscalculations."

In Mediterranean

Reviewing the position in the Mediterranean, Mr. Alexander said that the dive-bombing attacks on the Fleet off Malta cost the enemy about ninety machines.

The Dive-Bomber

"We may leave the dive-bomber to be dealt with by Admiral Cunningham. We shall break the threat of the Stukas just as we have broken the threat of the Italian Navy."

"We hold the initiative in the Mediterranean and we shall continue to use it."

"On the flank of our advancing army and preventing reinforcements and supplies from reaching Marshal Graziani, naval vessels acted as water carriers for our troops and transported an embarrassingly large number of Italian prisoners who fell into our hands with such obvious pleasure and relief."

"The Navy is now carrying out similar operations in support of our South African troops and the Air Force units who have penetrated Italian Somaliland, have already captured Kismayu and are pressing northward." —Reuter.

Consternation in Italy

Mr. Alexander recalled he had not spoken over the radio since the exploit of the Fleet Air Arm at Taranto. Since then, both in the eastern and western Mediterranean, the Fleet had carried out operations which caused much surprise and consternation to the Italians.

Mr. Alexander instanced the bombardments of Genoa, Pisa and Leghorn.

On their first appearance, German dive bombers had inflicted considerable damage on warships escorting a convoy but the convoy got through intact and subsequent attacks on illustrious in Malta had been a failure costing the enemy some ninety aeroplanes.

Speaking of the Navy's part in the Libyan campaign Mr. Alexander said there was smooth co-operation and happy comradeship between the Navy, Army and R.A.F.

These victories had caused small privations in Britain because of the diversion of shipping. "You may have gone a little short of butter, tea and meat but you have got Bardia, Tobruk and Benghazi."

Trade Protection

Speaking of the Navy's trade protection duties Mr. Alexander said destroyers, corvettes and sloops during recent months had convoyed over 3,000 ships of which only nine were lost.

"Let me say here that in this work the American Town class destroyers are carrying out invaluable operations."

Although the Navy was doing work which in the last war was shared between the navies of Britain, the U.S., France, Italy and Japan, who between them mustered over 900 destroyers, losses in 1917 were much higher than in 1941. This in spite of the added factors of air attack and the magnetic mine.

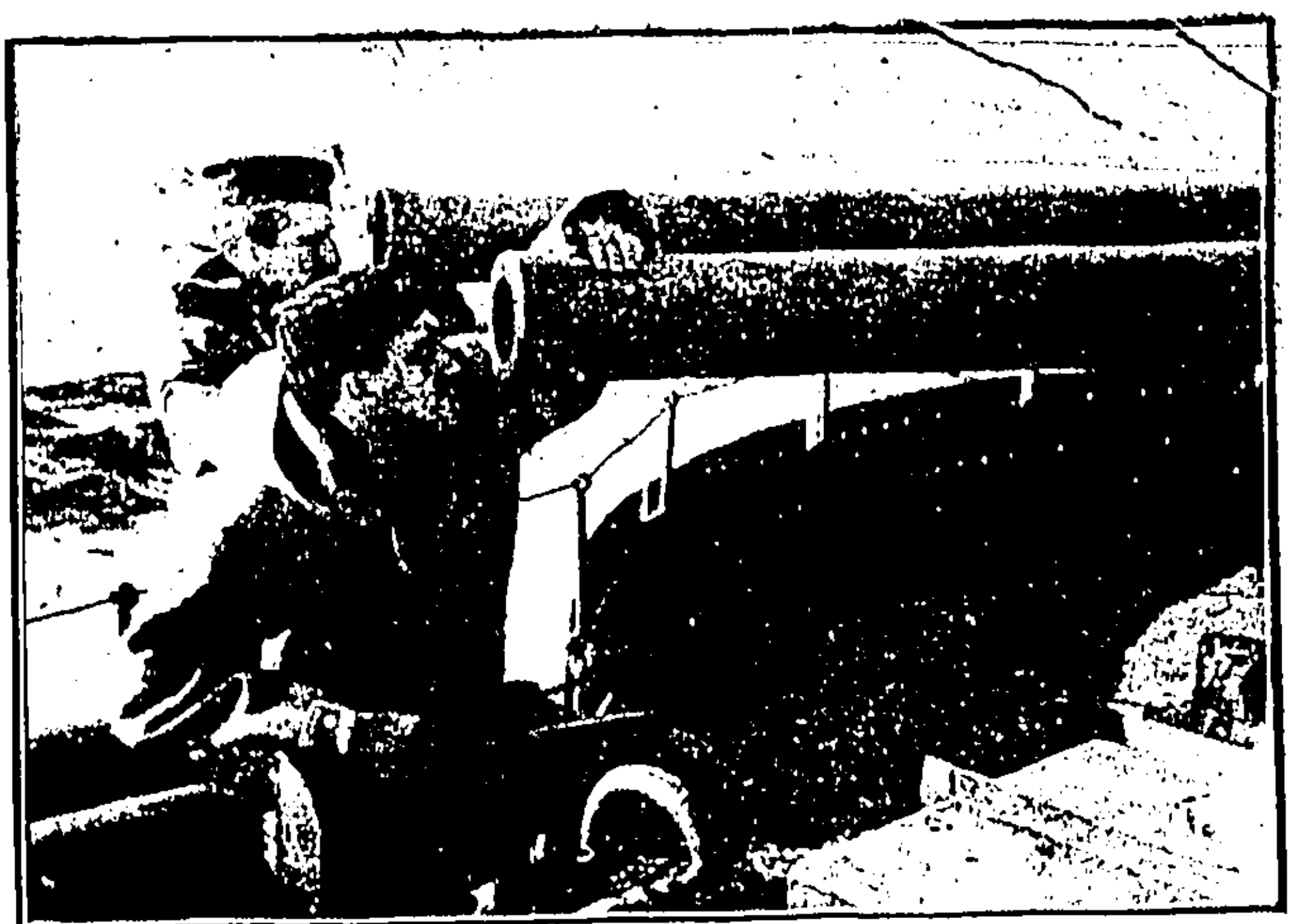
Mr. Alexander said events might force Hitler to try an invasion. —British Wireless.

ANCHORED IN A MINEFIELD

For anchoring in the Tathong Channel Minefield yesterday, the master of a fishing boat was fined \$20, or 21 days' imprisonment, by Commander J. Jolly, in the Marine Court this morning.

SNATCHER GAOLED

Convicted of stealing a purse from a 19-year-old girl-student in Soy Street on Monday, Ko Shing-hing, 19, an old offender, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. De J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.



SCENE ON BOARD A DESTROYER — Looking down the muzzles of 4.7" after they have been sponged out. (Copyright, Fox).

PORTUGUESE HURRICANE DEATH ROLL

It is now known that the number of deaths in the Portuguese cyclone exceeds 100.

Three hundred fishing vessels were destroyed in the port of Sessibra alone, says Reuter from Lisbon.

ELECTROCUTED IN HIS RAID SHELTER

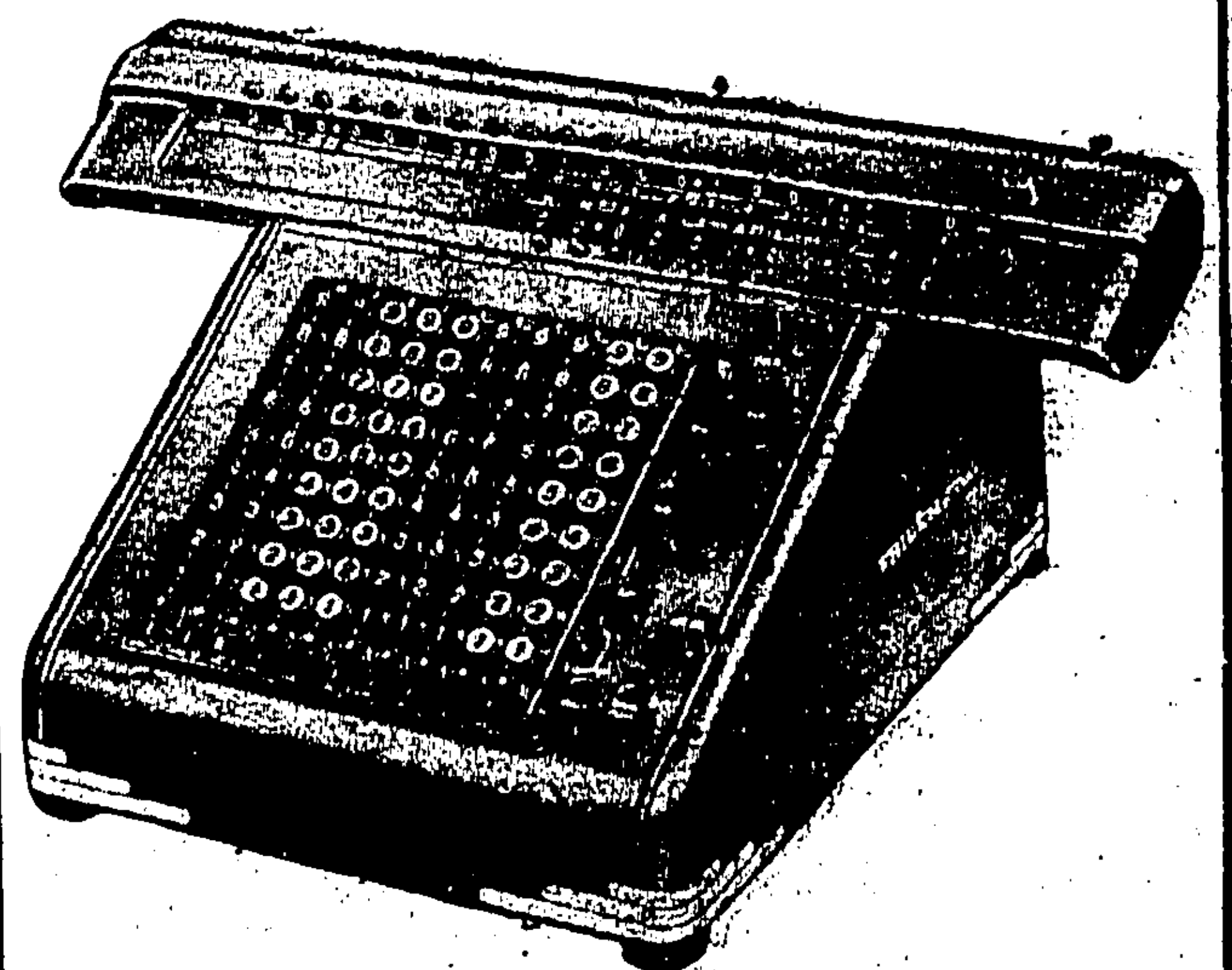
George Richard Shirley, aged thirty-five, a papermaker, of Priory Close, Dartford, Kent, was electrocuted in his air-raid shelter during the night when he went to lift a metal electric table lamp which was connected by a lead to the house.

Hearing his cries, Mrs. Doris Shirley ran into the shelter and found her husband lying on the floor dead.

When she went to take the lamp from his hand she, too, received a shock. In her attempts to let go the lamp she broke the lead, thus disconnecting the current.

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ALLEGATIONS OF A DRIFT TOWARDS THE INFLATION "SPIRAL"

THE GOVERNMENT'S intention to parry the dangers of inflation was again emphasised in Parliament yesterday.

Sir Patrick Hannon, who is a prominent company director, asked whether the Premier had considered a letter from the President of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce "emphasising the drift towards inflation owing to wage increases being followed by a rise in commodity prices."

Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Lord Privy Seal, replied that the Premier had received the letter referred to and had arranged that the Association have an opportunity of stating their views more fully to the Ministers concerned.

Government were impressed with the dangers of inflation and since the outbreak of war had taken action in a variety of ways to prevent any uncontrolled rise in basic prices.

It would be quite wrong to regard every increase in prices, whatever its nature and scope, as potentially inflationary, but close attention was paid to all significant movements of prices with a view to applying appropriate checks in good time if a dangerous tendency developed. — Reuter.

NEW PAPER-THIN STEEL FOR PLANES

America is almost ready to produce in quantity a new, paper-thin, high-tensile stainless steel, which, it is said, will "revolutionise" construction of aircraft in the United States.

This change from present aluminium alloy construction will be about as complete a change in plane construction as was the world war shift from wood and cloth to all-metal machines.

The new high-tensile steel is said to be thinner than paper. A strip of it hanging limply looks like tinfoil, but it has a tensile strength of 185,000 lb. to the square inch.

According to steel officials, it is three times as strong as the aluminium alloy now used in aeroplane making.

These officials claim that the new product will not rust, that it is not affected by the degree of heat at which aluminium melts and that it is twice as difficult to bend as duralumin.

It has more than double the tensile strength of the stainless steel from which a few years ago the Budd Manufacturing Company built an all-steel aeroplane— which they flew all over the United States and Europe in exhibition tests.

However, the new steel is expensive, costing about £200 a ton, or about double the cost of aluminium. But quantity production would bring the price down.

It is understood that some of the balloons on recent Navy planes have been made of this steel. — Reuter.

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SAILOR SHOT AS AN EXAMPLE

HALF OF THE CREW OF THE FRENCH BATTLESHIP RICHELIEU REFUSED TO FIGHT GENERAL DE GAULLE WHEN HE ATTEMPTED A LANDING AT DAKAR ON SEPTEMBER 24, AND LATER ONE MEMBER WAS SHOT "AS AN EXAMPLE."

This was revealed when Floyd Stokes, an American seaman, reached Cape Town after being stranded in Dakar for sixteen weeks.

When the bombardment of Dakar began, he said, his ship was trapped between the warships and another ship. The crew deserted to a man, seeking shelter outside the town.

French warships used Allied and neutral merchantmen as a screen against the Free French and British warships.

The French authorities, he declared, have seized a number of Allied and neutral ships at Dakar. — Associated Press.

PORTABLE SHELTERS FOR BUSES

Portable shelters, which can be placed upon the pavement, "as and when circumstances require," are mentioned in a letter sent by the London Passenger Transport Board to the Wandsworth Borough Emergency Committee.

The Transport Board state that these shelters are being manufactured following a request from the Government that some temporary shelter be provided for travellers, particularly those who have need to take advantage of the emergency bus services.

Wandsworth have replied, offering all possible facilities for the erection of the shelters.

CLAIM FOR PASSAGE

A claim for salary and passage to Ceylon amounting to \$989.50, was commenced against Messrs. Abdullah and Co. of Peking Road, by a former employee, Azeez Abdul Wadood, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Plaintiff alleged that he was engaged in Ceylon to work for Abdullah and Co. in Hong Kong as a craftsman and gem-cutter in October 1936, and left for home in May, 1937, owing to ill-health. In March, 1939, however, while in Ceylon he was re-engaged to come to Hong Kong by his brother-in-law, who was partner, on the salary, which he had previously received, of Rupees 40 per month.

Defendant, however, disclaimed any knowledge plaintiff had been re-engaged in Ceylon and was surprised to see the plaintiff return to Hong Kong. He, however, decided to engage plaintiff as an office boy at \$10 per month for 3 years plus board and lodging. It was alleged by defendant that plaintiff, while in his employ, received advances to the extent of \$230.50, and that in December last, plaintiff sold a diamond ring for \$140 and kept the proceeds of the sale for himself. Defendant, therefore, counter-claimed for this amount, plus \$10 in lieu of notice.

The case was adjourned.

HARBOUR OFFICE THEFT

For theft of a fountain pen and wallet from Mr. D. G. Cairns, Chief Boarding Officer, Harbour Office, Shek Wan, 25, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant was seen by an office boy taking the articles from Mr. Cairns' jacket pocket, which was hanging inside his office.

Defendant had four previous convictions for larceny.

Sub-Inspector T. K. Whelan prosecuted.

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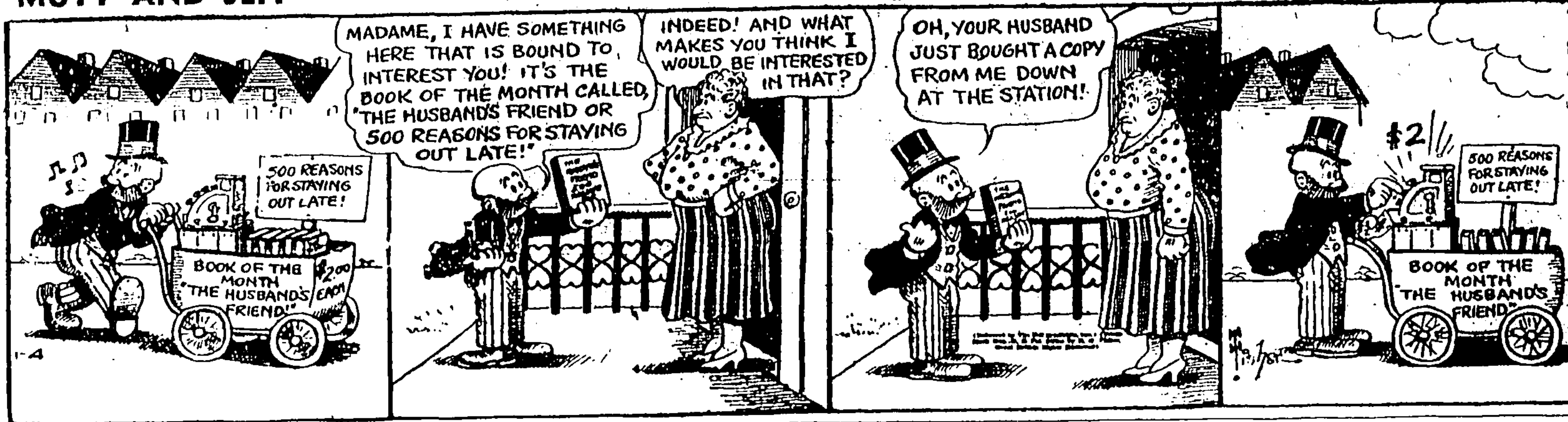
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M.P. AND CONCHIE INQUIRY

Allegations that people who could have given evidence at an inquiry into the treatment of conscientious objectors had been "spirited away" were mentioned in the House of Commons.

Major Milner (Soc., Leeds, E.E.) told Sir Edward Gigg, Financial Secretary to the War Office:

"It has been suggested that some people who might have been witnesses have been spirited away."

He asked if the names of the witnesses at the inquiry could be published.

Sir Edward said he would look into the matter.

Earlier, Sir Edward told Mr. Givens Hall (Soc., Colne Valley) that the court of inquiry had met in private and heard evidence from individuals who are alleged to have received ill-treatment. The court was now preparing its report.

Mr. Hall suggested that it was unsatisfactory that the inquiry was held in private.

Sir Edward replied that there was no reason to direct suspicion against those conducting the inquiry. There were objections to holding such an inquiry in public.

WAR WORK FOR 500,000 WOMEN

(By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

EVERY UNEMPLOYED woman in the country will be given the chance of training as a munition worker under a new Ministry of Labour scheme to put 500,000 women into the arms industry. They will get the same pay and allowances as men while training.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, referring to the scheme in Parliament said he would tell employers of the need for giving as many jobs as possible to women.

"The demands of the armed Forces for men," said Mr. Bevin, "are already becoming so great that it is manifest that women must be employed in all forms of production in ever-increasing numbers."

The only initial qualifications for women trainees will be average intelligence and physical fitness. There is no age bar.

Even grandmothers may apply so long as they are hale and hearty.

"We need 500,000 women for our armament factories by next August," Miss Caroline Haslett, Adviser to the Minister of Labour in the training and employment of women, told a reporter.

"The scheme will absorb almost the whole of the large number of

unemployed women of all ages.

"Women accepted for training courses of eight weeks' duration will be sent to technical colleges and engineering works in London and the provinces," she added.

"One of the most important points in the scheme is that the women will receive the same payment and allowances as men get while in training."

What They Will Get

"For the first time it has been recognised that women may have elderly relations to support just as men may have."

Girls aged eighteen to twenty will receive 20s. a week if training locally, plus an allowance of 15s. for an adult dependant upon them.

If they go away to train, they will get a lodging allowance, 5s. pocket money and 30s. for an adult dependant.

Women over twenty-one will get 24s. per week, plus 15s. a week for an adult dependant if training locally.

When training away from home they will get a lodging allowance, usually 19s. a week, plus 7s. pocket money and 30s. for an adult dependant.

Unemployed women are urged by the Ministry to register for the scheme at once.

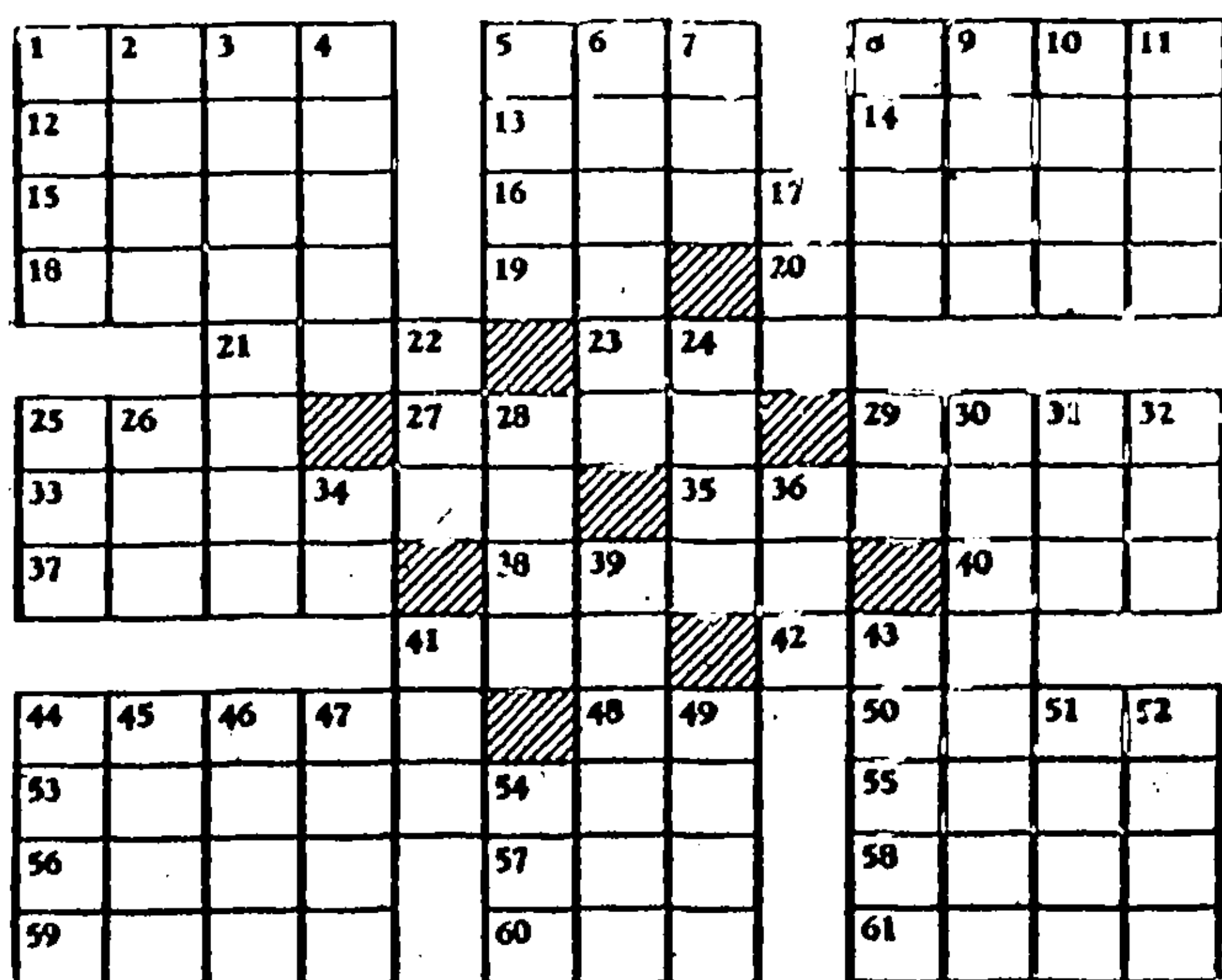
Training courses will start very soon, and a continual stream of Britain's new armament workers will be taken into the munition works during the next few months.

The pay which these women are being offered is likely to be raised in a question in Parliament soon.

While these women are being trained they will be kept by the Government, given 7s. a week pocket money, AND ANY ADULT DEPENDANTS WILL RECEIVE AN ALLOWANCE OF 30s. PER WEEK.

When the men they are releasing take their places in the ranks of the Army their adult dependants will receive from the Government 18s. a week, plus a compulsory allotment from the serving man's pay of 7s. a week, making 25s. in all.

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HORIZONTAL
1 To abound
5 Slender finial
8 Dog's name
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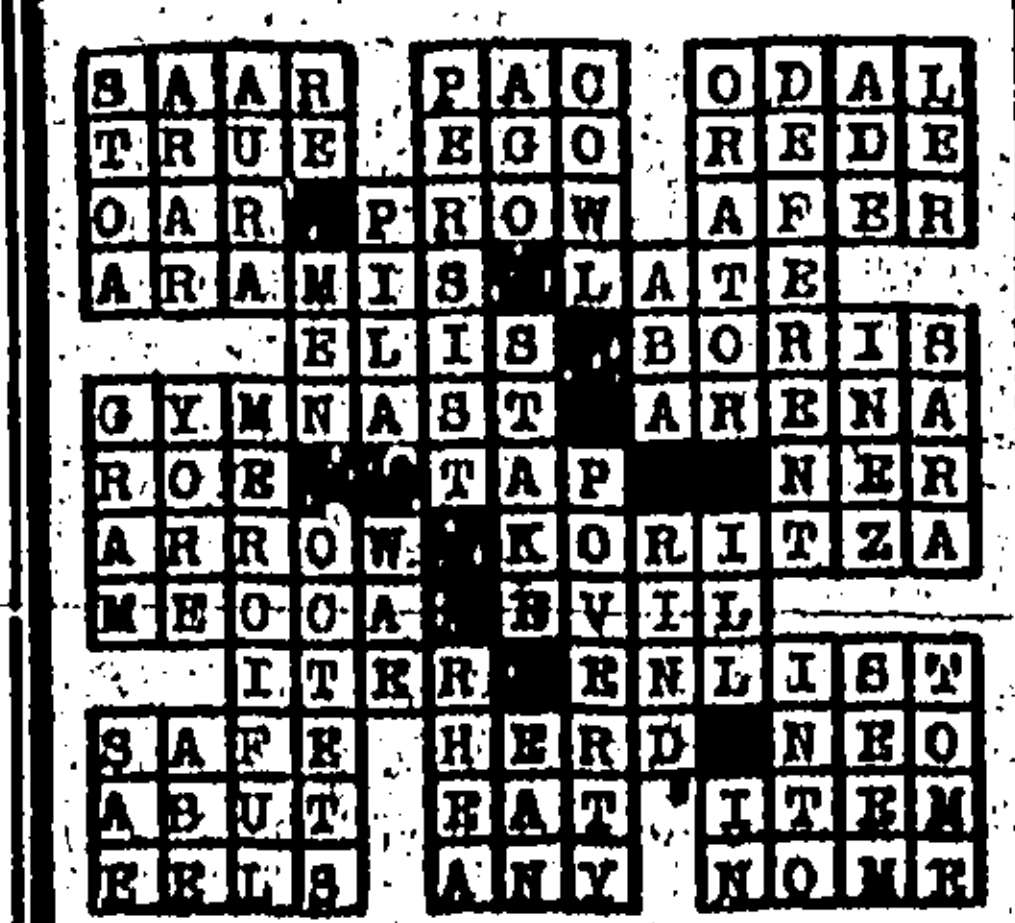
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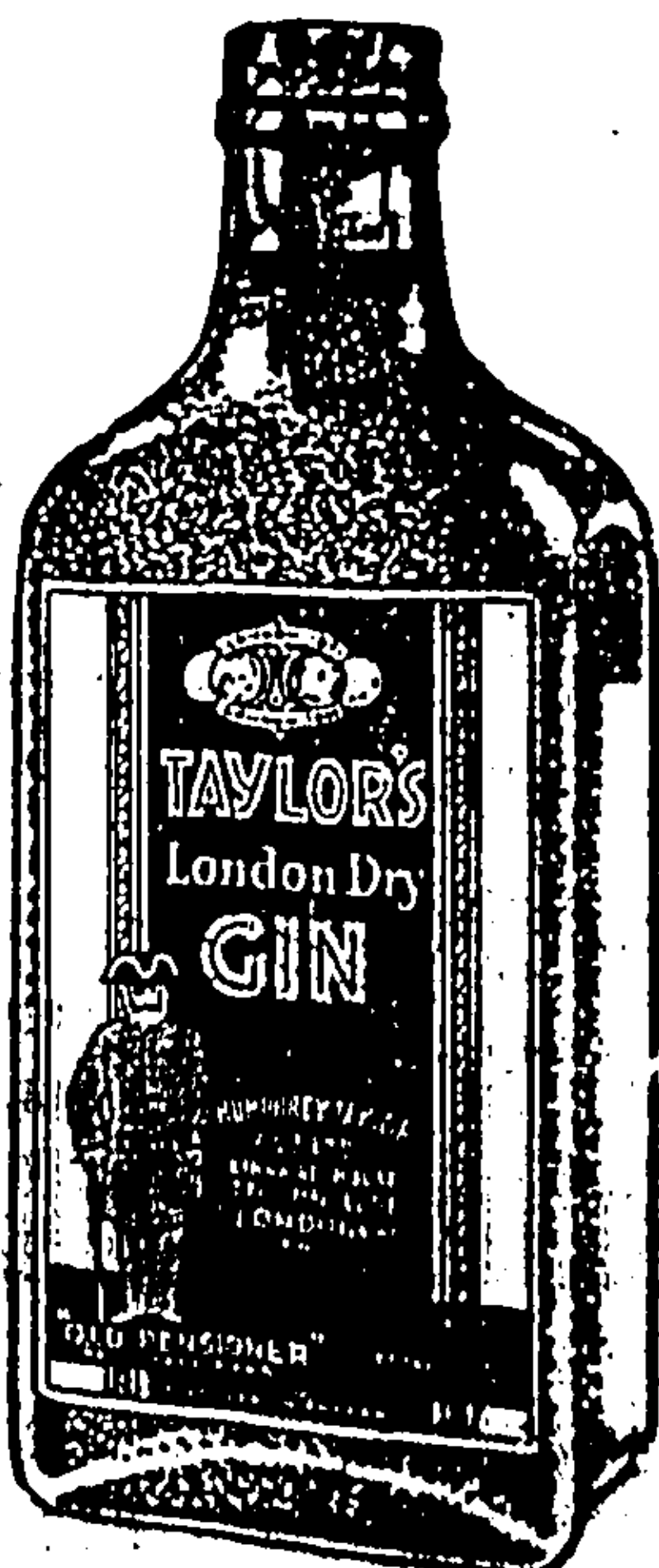
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HITLER PAYS DEARLY IN THE "BLOCKADE"

(By A NAVAL CORRESPONDENT)

A BATTLE HAS BEEN RAGING FOR MORE THAN HALF A YEAR OF WHICH WE HAVE HEARD LITTLE OR NOTHING, APART FROM THE BARE TOTAL OF LOSSES THAT WE OURSELVES HAVE SUFFERED.

It is an odd position, but this one-sided view of the naval struggle in the Atlantic is all but inevitable. So much of what we would like to say about our own strokes of good fortune and of the good work done by our men out there would be helpful to the enemy, if he could but get hold of the information.

The battle of the Atlantic is Hitler's desperate effort to enforce his "total blockade" of Britain. Heavily defeated in his lightning stroke with the U-boat attack on our seaborne trade at the outset of the war, he had to abandon the campaign for several months while the utterly unexpected losses in his submarine flotillas were made good.

The Menace From The Air

Attempts during last winter to make mines an alternative and equally effective element in the blockade were also defeated by us, and he quickly realised how hollow were Goering's pre-war boasts that the Luftwaffe would speedily stop all traffic to British ports.

Neither on the sea nor in the ports has the German Air Force seriously affected the naval side of the war.

Accordingly, last May, when new U-boats began to come into service, Hitler reverted to the Tirpitz methods of unrestricted submarine war. He had the luck, which the Kaiser's Navy never had, to seize naval bases much nearer to the Atlantic traffic lanes. He broke out of the "Wet Triangle" of the Heligoland Bight. Ever since then the weekly totals of tonnage sunk have been serious. They have fluctuated for reasons to be discussed later, but the average of the six months is a big figure.

Those who only see the individual weekly returns may not have realised just the size of the inroads made on the world's sea-carrying capacity, so it may be well to give a tabulation, corrected by Admiralty figures, of the losses for six months.

Weekly Losses

June 1 to December 1, 1940		
Week ending	British tons	Total World tons
June 2	85,614	110,195
9	45,905	82,908
16	53,115	115,199
23	91,370	174,775
30	30,377	51,339
July 7	75,833	114,137
14	40,469	72,049
21	37,577	58,308
28	65,601	72,691
Aug. 4	73,185	88,251
11	32,257	46,639
18	41,175	55,388
25	108,404	117,814
Sept. 1	62,921	94,898
8	44,975	77,289
15	55,153	75,107
22	145,036	172,467
29	56,096	72,506
Oct. 6	30,886	40,315
13	52,668	83,563
20	154,279	205,781
27	9,988	18,443
Nov. 3	65,009	71,012
10	69,110	87,963
17	57,977	74,676
24	80,426	92,841
Dec. 1	41,360	52,229

Better Than In 1917

This gives us in round figures a total world loss of some 2,370,000 tons for the six months. The figure for the first six months of the unrestricted campaign in 1917 was 3,394,000, approximately a million more tons than the Nazi effort has achieved.

The Prime Minister's word for the losses in his speech to the Commons was "disquieting," and no one will attempt to minimise the drain on the world's shipping that is repre-

sented by a weekly average of sinkings of 88,000 tons.

The table, however, throws an interesting light on the ebb and flow of the battle of the Atlantic. It will be seen that in every

month there is one outstanding week and at least one (occasionally two) when the total falls to about half the general average.

This fluctuation was also a characteristic of the 1917 attacks, and the meaning of it, as we discovered then, is that only a proportion of the U-boat captains are really competent, and that the periods when these few men are back in harbour, resting and refitting, are comparatively quiescent.

1 In 10 Dangerous

The official German history of the last U-boat campaign listed twenty "aces" and some twenty-five "next best" among the commanding officers. Allowing for men killed on service and replaced by promoted first officers, there were about 450 captains engaged throughout the war. One in ten of them was really dangerous to our shipping.

And, as further evidence of their skill, it may be pointed out that only three of the twenty "aces" were eliminated—one by an accident at sea, one by the destruction of his boat, and one by capture. The "dog-fox" in submarine warfare well deserved the nickname given to him by our hunting flotillas.

The solution of the problem, now as then, is multiplication of the number of hunting craft. It is true that modern detector apparatus has to some extent eased the work of locating the submerged vessel, but against that the area in which the Germans can work is far more extensive now, owing to the fact that they can start their operations from the occupied ports on the Bay of Biscay, and so save the 3,000 mile trek round the North of Scotland from the German bases.

A Comforting Estimate

It is not yet permissible to disclose the scene of all their attacks, but indications of some localities have been given, since the information was already known publicly in neutral countries. And it is evident that our hunting has to be done over a much wider field than in 1917.

Have we had any success?

Only two Admiralty bulletins have referred to this side of the battle in the past six months. From them we know of nine German submarines sunk in the Atlantic; of some Italians we have inkings in the issue of names of prisoners of war. But that is nothing like the whole of the story.

The average monthly destruction of enemy craft was between five and six in 1917-1918. In the autumn of last year it was higher than that, for Mr. Churchill admitted that the rate of sinking was between two and four a week. If we have doubled our 1917 rate in these past months we have, as I calculate it, removed seven-tenths of the additional U-boats that Hitler threw into the battle between May and August.

If we keep up that rate of destruction, we are equal to his probable rate of replacement. That is a comforting thought—even though it is entirely unofficial.

TWO ENEMY BOMBERS SHOT DOWN

Single German aircraft dropped bombs in East Anglia and at a few places in south and south-east England during daylight yesterday, according to an Air Ministry communique.

These generally did little harm but at two places some damage and casualties were caused.

British fighters destroyed two enemy bombers.—Reuter.

Italians Under No Illusion

WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN INDICATION OF ITALIAN REALISATION OF THE DIFFICULTIES AHEAD OF THEM IN EAST AFRICA IS CONTAINED IN A TELEGRAM FROM THE DUKE OF AOSTA, VICEROY OF ABYSSINIA, TO THE DUCE THANKING HIM FOR PROMOTION AS GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE AND QUOTED BY ROME RADIO YESTERDAY.

The Duke says, inter alia: "We will last somehow at any cost," adding that the Italian people are ready for any sacrifice for the achievement of victory.

The announcer, commenting, said: "The Duke attains this rank on the battlefield for at this moment he is leading his men in one of the hardest battles ever fought by the Italian army against a well armed and well prepared enemy." — Reuter.

CANADA'S NEW WAR BUDGET

MR. J. L. ILSLEY, CANADA'S FINANCE MINISTER, WILL ASK FOR \$1,300,000,000 FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THE WAR DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1941/1942, COMPARED WITH \$700,000,000 THE PRECEDING YEAR.

This sum, plus \$443,000,000 which Mr. Ilsley estimated to be necessary to cover all requirements except in the air, brings the total expenditure for 1941/1942 to \$1,743,000,000.—Reuter.

FEATS OF SOUTH AFRICAN AIRMEN

THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE, OPERATING IN EAST AFRICA, HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ARTHUR LONGMORE, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST.

"Best congratulations to the South African Air Force on its splendid contribution to success in the offensive now taking place. I am following their activities with great interest."—Reuter.

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"CONFUSIONISM"

In a dispatch from Belgrade to "The Times" a few days ago there appeared this comment: "The Berlin correspondent of the semi-official Vreme wrote to-day that high German circles were declaring that Germany has been 'leading journalists on' with rumours of impending trouble in the Balkans, so that now they had lost their orientation and had no idea where the expected 'decisive' blow from Germany was going to fall."

This is a good example of the new technique of propaganda developed to a high art by the Nazis. It consists of spreading half a dozen different rumours to confound the enemy, of turning the other cheek while preparing to slay the bemused, of displaying coyness and an accommodating spirit that glove a murderous intent. It might be called the technique of "confusionism."

"Confusionism" played a very real part in the downfall of France before and during the German armed attack. It is being used on France to-day with a devilish disregard of human feelings but with the same singleness of purpose that has carried Nazism thus far. The Vichy Government is told that some of the many French prisoners will be released; then the announcement is found to have been premature. The frontier between occupied and unoccupied France is opened a little; then it is closed tight. Rumours are spread that the British people hate the French and care nothing about suffering humanity. Classes are played off, one against another. A brand of socialism is offered to workers; a brand of capitalism is offered to employer; "security" is offered to civil employees—all, of course, depending upon the defeat of Britain.

The method stops at nothing in audacity and gall in relations with the non-Nazi world. It permits the occupiers of The Hague, seized in violation of The Hague Convention of 1907, to wave that pact in a mighty outburst of factitious umbrage against the determination of the United States to defend itself against the spread of Nazi power to their continent. It is essentially a method used by charlatans from time immemorial and the

This is the story of a twenty-two-year-old pilot who is now flying a Hurricane in a squadron stationed near London. I have chosen it to write out of many that I have heard first-hand because it is the story of a young man who is not regarded as a hero.

He has never broken up a formation of bombers single-handed—a fleet of Messerschmitts—downed two and chased the rest home—as had two of the men I met who had recently been decorated. I shall not call my undecorated hero by his name because he is very shy, and this story will embarrass him enough.

As it is, I shall call him Pilot Officer Hart, and this is his story in as much detail as I can remember.

When the war began he was at Oxford, and had done a little flying there under the direction of the R.A.F. He went to France shortly after the war began, flying a Spitfire. The first time he was shot down was over Belgium during the retreat.

He was in a dog-fight with a Messerschmitt 109 at 28,000 or 29,000 feet, breathing oxygen through his mask, watching the German as the two planes circled, sparring for an opening.

The first thing he remembers is getting what felt like a terrific kick in the pants. His plane went several hundred feet straight up in the air. Then, within a few seconds, he got another kick in the pants. The plane went on and up four or five hundred feet, and this time, he says, when he looked out, his plane didn't have any wings on it.

He said to himself, "I don't know what did it, but it is obviously time to get out."

By this time he found himself and his fuselage upside down. The glass cover to the cockpit of a Spitfire slides back. He was looking down through the closed glass cover to the ground below him.

Using both hands he got the glass hatch free and slid it clear. Then he expected to fall out. He wanted to fall out. But he didn't because he had forgotten about the safety belt.

What was left of the plane continued to fall upside down. Finally he remembered the safety belt, and he let go the clasp. He dropped out sharply and the wind began to turn him round. As he turned, his arms flew out from his sides, and he found himself looking at his hands.

He says when he saw his hands he thought very clearly he didn't like them, because they ought to be pulling the rip-cord on his parachute. In a kind of rush of panic he looked for the handle of the rip-cord, found it and pulled.

After the parachute opened he found himself sitting there with no sense of motion. He felt "very safe and sound," and decided that this was rather a unique opportunity to look around the countryside. He was still very high up. As he looked down, the first thing he noticed was that something was happening directly beneath him. He could see puffs were running across a clearing.

Then things began whizzing by him. He said to himself, "This would be my luck to bale out in the middle of a battle and get shot by a stray bullet."

The lower he got the closer the bullets came, until he thinks he must have been about a mile high. Then it came to him that this was no battle going on beneath him. The shooting he was observing was at him. Machine-guns, rifles and an anti-aircraft battery were all shooting at him.

He said, "Then I got really scared." He came down the last few thousand feet knowing things were very wrong, and that the shooting was coming from people on his own side.

He landed in a field, picked himself up yelling at the top of his

world over. But behind it lies a force that must be reckoned with.

(Without Medal)

By RALPH INGERSOLL

lungs "Je suis Anglais. Je suis Anglais."

Belgian soldiers ran up all around him, pointing their guns at him. Finally an officer came. When the officer recognised his uniform he told the men to put down their rifles, and came up and embraced young Hart.

The officer turned out to be a count—cousin of the King of the Belgians.

The next two incidents were not as dramatic as the first. He was simply shot down twice. Both times he flew a Hurricane to land on English soil. Once he was fighting over the Channel, once over the Thames estuary. On neither occasion did he know where the bullet came from that disabled his plane. He was sim-

Hart explained his nasty job, because "Tail-ass-Charlie" must fly so fast and throw himself into such violent, continuous banking that he is either continually blacking out—that is, throwing the blood out of his head until he goes temporarily blind—or coming close to it.

He said he was doing quite nicely, except it was late afternoon and they were flying east and the sun was right behind him. Two Messerschmitts with cannon came out of the sun and were on his tail before he could do anything about it.

As they dived, they made a V about forty-five degrees wide converging on the back of his neck. Both let go from very close, crossed, went under him, and disappeared.

thing else in the world, and that is a fighter. Friend or foe, they just don't like us."

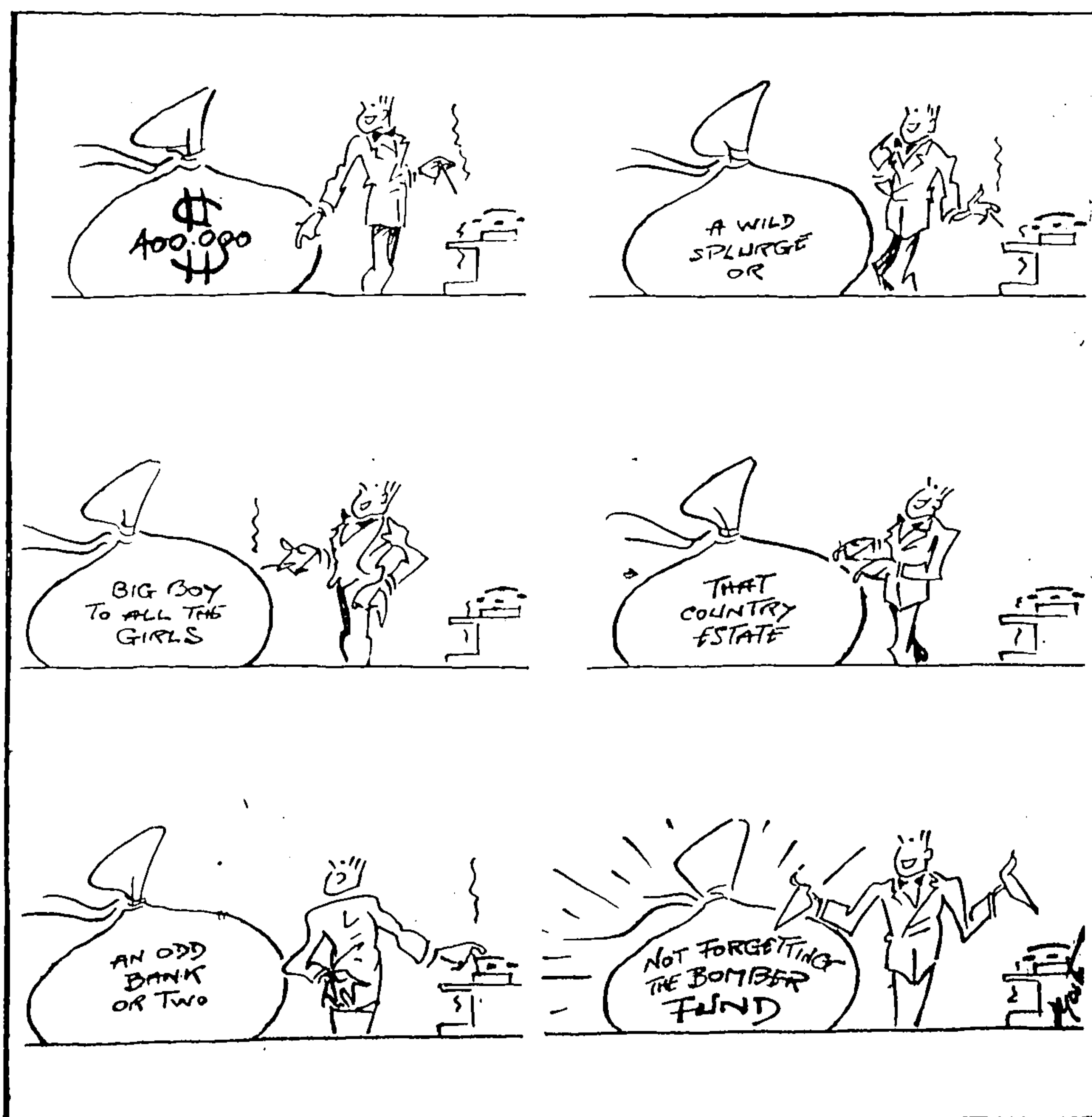
He began to feel pretty desperate and lonely, and couldn't think how to make the bombers understand that what he wanted was simply protection.

Finally, he had an idea. He took his handkerchief out of his pocket, reached down and dipped it in the blood from the wounds on his feet. He held the bloody handkerchief over his head.

He said the bombers caught on the minute they saw the bloody handkerchief. "But then they scared me even more because they got so curious, all the crews began crowding into the gun turrets to look at me, and I was afraid they would veer over and bump into me, because I could not steer very well.

"I finally had them. I just cut down in front to keep them right up on my tail. They still couldn't go quite as fast as I could, and when I had them up on my tail

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ply flying along and suddenly his motor was hot and things began to go wrong.

The first time he had the choice between making a landing in enemy territory and trying to get home. He decided to try to get home.

He knew the motor was hit in some vital point because the temperature began rising, but that was all. The temperature kept on rising all the way home. When he was over England, but before he had found his field, the cooling fluid caught fire. He came swirling into port with smoke and flames all round him.

The next time was much like the last, except that Hart, now had had some experience with cooling fluid catching fire, and after the motor reached a certain temperature he shut it off. The motor immediately froze.

He admitted that the next time he was shot down it might make a story. That time—his fourth—he was functioning as "Tail-ass-Charlie" for a squadron of Hurricanes. They were flying over enemy territory, going along the German-held coast of France,

Three cannon shells tore off not quite half the covering of the horizontal tail and flippers and part of the vertical stabiliser fin and part of the rudder. Hart explained this because he was trying to impress on me how much punishment a Hurricane can take and still fly home.

It never occurred to him until much later in the story to throw in the casual fact that the three cannon shell explosions had given him a shower bath of steel fragments from the rear.

Fifty-odd pieces of shell fragment came through the bottom of his seat and lacerated his legs as if by the discharge of buckshot a few feet away.

Half-way across the Channel he caught up with three Bristol Blenheim bombers returning from a daylight raid. He recognised them as English, and said they looked awfully good to him. He flew down to come alongside them. When he got there they were in formation. Instead of welcoming smiles, he watched six gun turrets swing round and twelve machine-guns train on him.

Hart said, "There's one thing that bombers hate more than any-

I knew that if any trouble came they would catch it first."

He said this as if he had played a rather sly trick on the bombers—a sly and not entirely cricket trick.

The fifth time he grounded. He got the plane back to England, but lost it because the only place he could find to land after the motor had been shot out over the Channel was along a beach on the south coast, and although he got the plane down quite whole, it was outside the barbed wire entanglements and mined landing areas.

The sixth time he was shot down Hart said was really not worth talking about because "absolutely nothing happened."

In this whole narrative of his experiences, which I had insisted on, I suddenly realised he had not told me a single story of victory, a single incident which directly reflected credit on him or made him a hero.

Not from him, but from others in his squadron, I learned he had four confirmed planes to his credit, one a bomber, and that he had probably shot down as many more that were not confirmed.

Pacific Islands And Bases Within New Defence Zones

A "KEEP OUT" WARNING TO FOREIGN SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT WAS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY IN THE FORM OF AN ORDER AFFECTING AMERICAN NAVAL OUTPOSTS IN THE PACIFIC AND CARIBBEAN.

In effect it warns foreign ships and aircraft to "keep out unless you have the permission of the United States to enter."

The order creates "defensive sea areas" and "air space reservations" which no ships or aircraft except those belonging to the United States may enter without the authority of the Secretary of the United States Navy.

The order becomes effective in 90 days from last Friday.

It will extend naval control of ship and aircraft movements beyond harbours which have previously been declared closed.

New Areas Affected

The newly affected areas extend three nautical miles seaward around Culebra Island, east of Puerto Rico; Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; Kiska and Unalaska Islands, off Alaska; and the Pacific Islands of Palmyra, Johnson, Midway, Wake, Kingman Reef, Rose, Tutuila and Guam.

Forbidden harbours include the great harbour at Culebra;

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Pearl Harbour, Hawaii; Guam harbour; Subic Bay, the Philippines; Kiska harbour and

The fleet anchorage in the Long Beach-San Pedro area off the Californian coast.—Reuter.

CULT PUT BAR ON HUSBANDS

Onions, garlic and husbands are all banned by a weird Los Angeles cult to which hundreds of Americans paid altogether £750,000 for a guarantee that they would live for ever.

When the trial of the cult's high priestess, Mrs. Edna Ballard, on a charge of fraud, began, the Judge was amazed at stories of the gullibility of her followers.

Known as "I Am," Mrs. Ballard's cult taught that God was the spirit of her deceased husband, who was called St. Germain.

Devotees were instructed that St. Germain detested garlic or onion breath; therefore they mustn't eat them. Women also were forbidden to cohabit with their husbands, with the result hundreds of husbands wrote to the authorities begging them to do something to combat the cult.

Prosecuting Attorney Norman Neukem said: "The cult told its followers that New York and San Francisco were built on a gas belt, and would have been blown up if it hadn't been for its leaders."

NEW ANKARA PACT DISCLOSURE

It is learned from Ankara that shortly before the signature of the Turkish-Bulgarian declaration of non-aggression the Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Sarajoglu, received the British Ambassador, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, and the Greek Ambassador, M. Raphael, and had a long and friendly talk with both of them. — Reuter.

NAVY COMPELS DUCE TO GO SHORT

Britain's Mediterranean blockade has cut off 80 per cent. of Italy's imports.

This is shown in a statement issued by the United States Department of Agriculture (says Reuter).

"The blockade has been so effective in stopping the flow of sorely needed foodstuffs and agricultural materials that the Italian economic structure has been severely disorganised," the statement says.

"Italy went into the war with little or no reserve of vital agricultural products, especially cotton, wool, rubber, cereals, meats and oil seeds.

Lack of Fats

"It is difficult to see how countries that might send supplies by land can furnish Italy with products such as rubber, cotton, jute, wool, fats, meat and coffee.

"Thus the lack of fats, oils and meats may become more serious as the British blockade continues.

"In this case the Italian people may expect much stricter rations and possibly five or six meatless days."

The effects of the food shortage are very acute in some parts of southern Italy and the islands.

Adulterated

Reports from Sicily indicate that bread is being adulterated, making an unpalatable product which is difficult to digest.

Fish, one of the staple foods of the Sicilians, is almost unobtainable.

Meat is available to Italians only on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays, while the monthly ration of olive oil is only one pint per person.

Sugar consumption has been reduced so that part of the supply may be converted into sorely-needed industrial alcohol.

The supply of cotton is expected to be exhausted within a few weeks.

RUTHLESS MURDER BY PIRATES

HOW SIX PERSONS were ruthlessly shot and killed by junk pirates at Kwang Hoi (Chinese territorial waters) last Friday was revealed in a report to the Police this morning by Wong Chun-lin, survivor, on his arrival in Hong Kong.

According to Wong, his junk, No. TH5308, left Aberdeen on January 10 with a crew of 10 including his father and four sons.

Four days later, sailing near Kwang Hoi, he observed 10 junks in pursuit.

The pirates opened fire and after pursuing the junk for about four hours, caught and boarded the boat.

Six of the crew, including Wong's father and four sons, were shot down in cold blood and the rest imprisoned in the hold. The junk was towed to Tse Kai Mei where the cargo was sold.

In the afternoon, the junk was towed to a place named Tai Pal, where the remaining members of the crew were detained on shore.

Wong, together with three of the crew, however, managed to escape by sampan.

TO-DAY'S WEDDING

The marriage took place at the Registry this morning before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, of Mr. H. J. A. Rohrbach, manager for Horlick's in Ceylon and the Far East, and Mrs. Jean Finch, who arrived in the Colony yesterday from Shanghai.

After a short honeymoon in Hong Kong, the couple are leaving for Singapore next week.

ACCIDENT IN A.R.P. TUNNEL

Elfonso Gales, of No. 15, Cameron Road, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital for injuries received when a piece of rock fell on him, inside A.R.P. tunnel No. 10, opposite the Royal Naval Hospital, Wanchai, yesterday afternoon.

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DISPUTE OVER ROOM BOOKING

A claim for rent was heard by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Miss Bertha Pears, as plaintiff, claimed \$155 from Miss Betty Cheng in respect of rent.

It was alleged by Miss Pears that defendant went to see her on November 13 last at No. 4, Knight Street and rented two rooms, two weeks' notice being agreed. Defendant paid \$20 as a deposit against the rent, which was to start from November 15.

Defendant said that on November 15 her mother left for Shanghai and on November 16 or 17 she went to see Miss Pears and asked her to cancel one of the rooms which she said had been intended for her mother. Plaintiff, however, said it could only be done provided a payment of two weeks' rent be made, although, if during the two weeks the room was taken up through an advertisement in the newspaper, the rent would be refunded less the advertisement charges. Defendant decided to keep the rooms but in the meantime stayed in a flat in Prince Edward Road until the termination of her one month's notice, after which a friend of hers was supposed to take over the flat and she was to remove to her new quarters. The friend did not turn up and therefore she continued in the flat in Prince Edward Road.

Plaintiff saw defendant on November 27 and asked her if she still wanted the rooms. Defendant replied "No."

On December 16, she received a bill from Miss Pears for \$155 and went to see plaintiff asking what it meant. Plaintiff replied that, according to Hong Kong laws, she had a right to claim that amount which represented rent from November 15, 1940, to January 14, 1941 for the two rooms.

Defendant then offered to pay one month's rent for one room and half a month's rent for the other, a total of \$55, which was refused.

The case was adjourned to February 26.



Mr. V. V. Needa smiles happily on riding his fourth Hong Kong Derby winner, Oolong, which ran magnificently yesterday to confirm his form in the Maldens on Monday, is shown being led in after capturing the Blue Riband for Mr. T. K. Li.

GERMANY EXPECTS MASSIVE RAIDS

Germany is being prepared for "massive bombardments" in an expected big-scale British air offensive in the Spring, the independent French news agency correspondent on the German frontier reports.

WAVES OF MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE REICH ARE GETTING THE PEOPLE READY FOR WHAT IS TO COME. THE EVACUATION OF THREATENED TOWNS IS PROCEEDING APACE AND TRAINLOADS OF GERMAN CITIZENS ARE ARRIVING DAILY IN AUSTRIA.

The inspection and overhauling of all shelters and the building of new ones has been ordered, even as far as Austria.

German armament industries are increasing orders to factories in occupied territories, notably France, believed safe from R.A.F. attack.

Orders for several hundred million marks are principally for high precision machine-tools, optical instruments, armoured cars and motor-cars.—Reuter.

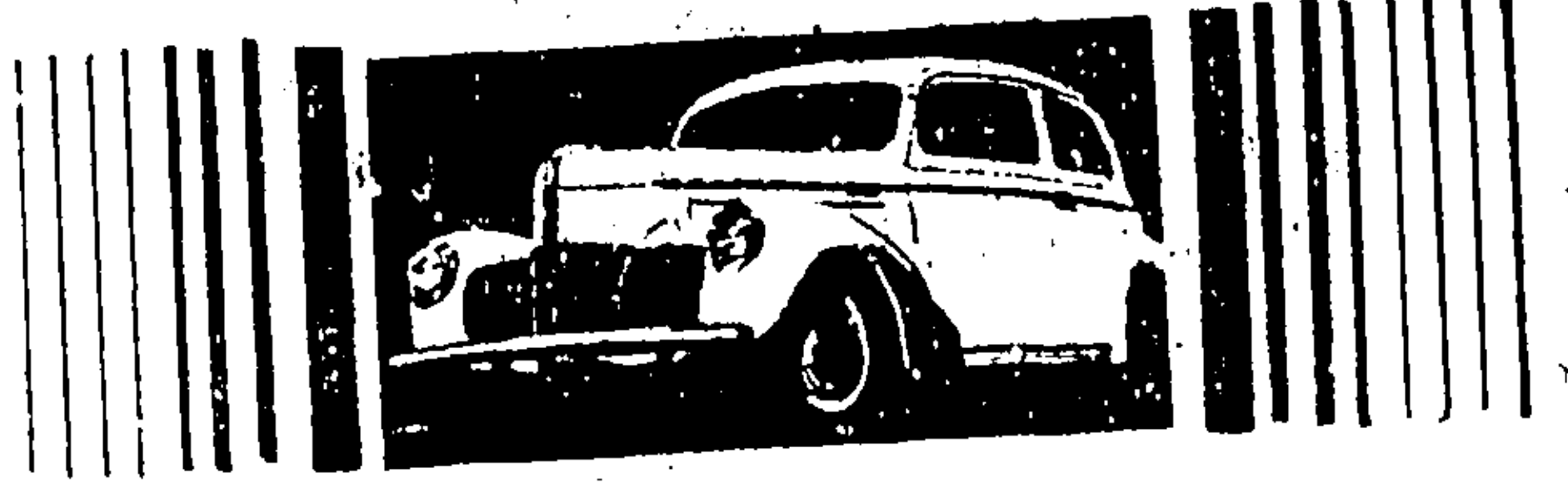


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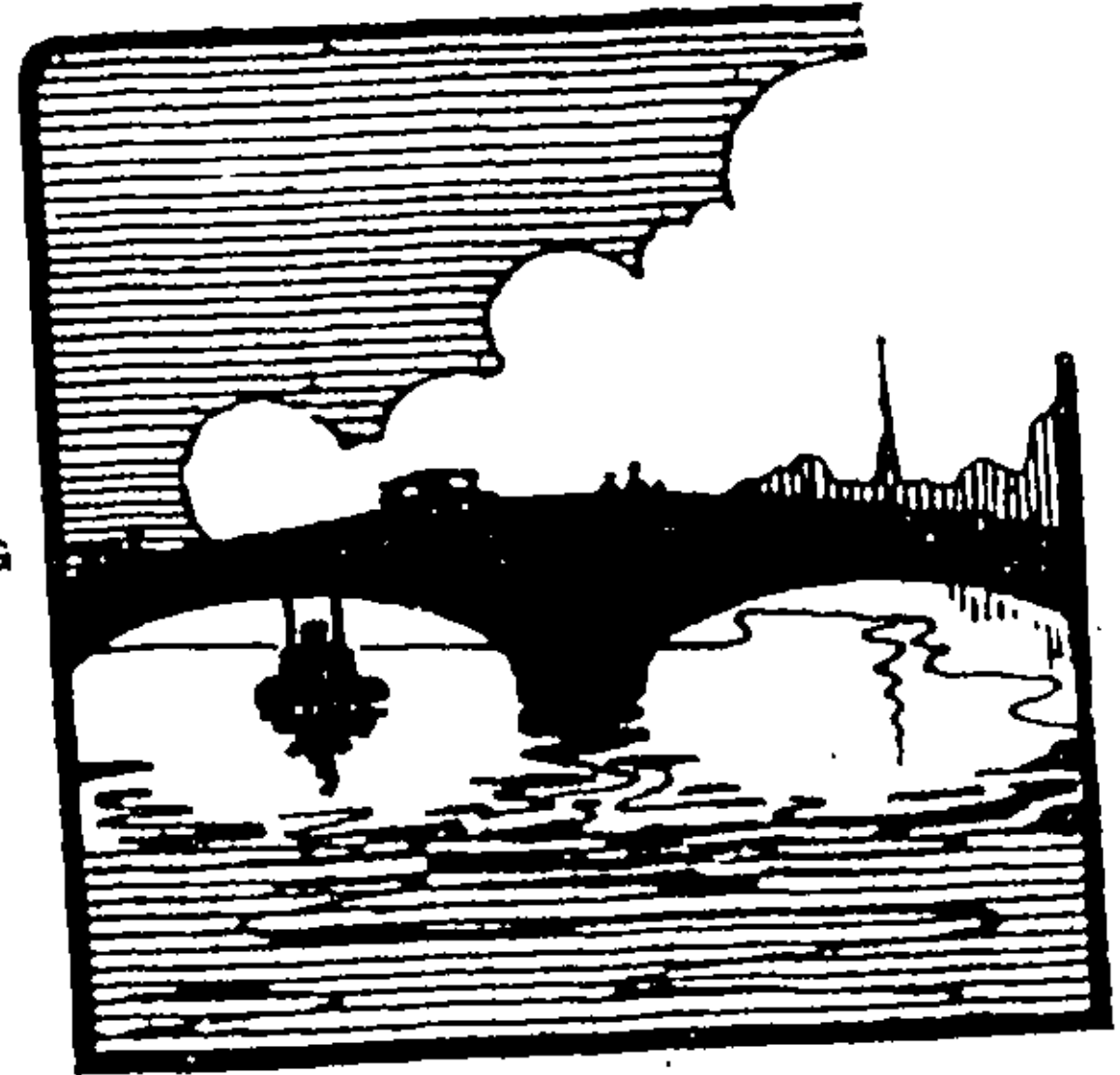
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

G R PUBLIC AUCTION

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February, 1941, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 13th February to Wednesday, the 26th February, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1941.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager,
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941

Postponed to:—
THIRD DAY—
Saturday,—22nd. February.
FOURTH DAY—
Monday,—24th. February.
FIFTH DAY—
Saturday,—1st. March.

On Saturday, 22nd and Monday, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 1.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
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BRIDGE NOLES

The Knockout Blow By The Four Aces

North's bidding was rather poor, since he should have steered South into a contract of three no-trump rather than five clubs. But East didn't object to North's bidding, for it gave her the opportunity to make a very brilliant defensive play:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable.

♠ A 6 2
♥ Q J
♦ A J 8 7 3
♣ K J 10

♠ J 8 7 3
♥ 9 6 5 3 2
♦ 10 9 2
♣ 5

W N E S
Q 5 4
A K
6 5
A 9 8 7 4 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass
2♣ Pass 5♣ Pass

West opened a heart, South winning with the Ace. Declarer then laid down the club Ace and continued with a low club, discovering to his sorrow that East was now bound to get a trump trick. He therefore made his best play for the hand by going up with the King of clubs and returning a low diamond from the dummy.

East put up the Queen of diamonds and cashed the Queen of clubs, but then the contract hinged on her next play. You may find it interesting to look for the best play before you read on—even seeing all four hands!

East knew she would make another diamond trick if South had two diamonds left in his hand. But if South had only one diamond, his plan (as East could easily see) was to take the diamond Ace, ruff a diamond, and get back via the spade Ace to cash two diamond tricks. The only way to stop this plot was to knock out the spade Ace before the diamonds could be set up. East therefore returned the spade King!

Note that it would have done East no good to return one of the lower spades, since then South would have put up the Queen, retaining the spade Ace in the dummy. But knocking out the spade Ace also dealt the knockout blow to South's contract.

* * *

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K Q J 10 8
♥ K 8 5 3
♦ Q J 7
♣ 4

The bidding:
You Moller Jacoby Schenken
Pass Pass 1♥ 2♣
(?)

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. To show the spades crowds the bidding and hearts should make a satisfactory trump suit. You do not raise to game (which in this particular case would be a stronger bid) because you must give your partner a little leeway with a third-hand bid. He will go to game if his opening bid was sound.

Score 100% for three hearts, 80% for four hearts, 70% for three spades, 60% for two spades.

Question No. 643

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 8 7
♥ 8
♦ A J 7 5 4
♣ K 10 9

The bidding:
Jacoby You Moller Schenken
1♥ (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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The Lord Mayor of London may receive the greatest gift ever made to the City—an offer to rebuild the charred and broken Guildhall, which was ravaged by the German fire raisers.

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Will Cost £1,000,000

A friend of his stated: "He announced his intention as soon as he heard that the Guildhall had been so badly damaged."

"He has a deep affection for the building and was very angry at this vandalism. So far he has not approached officials of the City with his offer, but he has made preliminary inquiries about the exact nature of the damage."

It is estimated that it will cost near £1,000,000 to rebuild the Guildhall in such a way as to restore its historic characteristics. All that remain are the stone walls and the turrets at each corner.

A.R.P. WARNED BY HIS DEATH

As vivid flashes lit the sky in fields in the north-west during a night raid a warden raced across a field to put out the "beacon" which was guiding enemy bombers.

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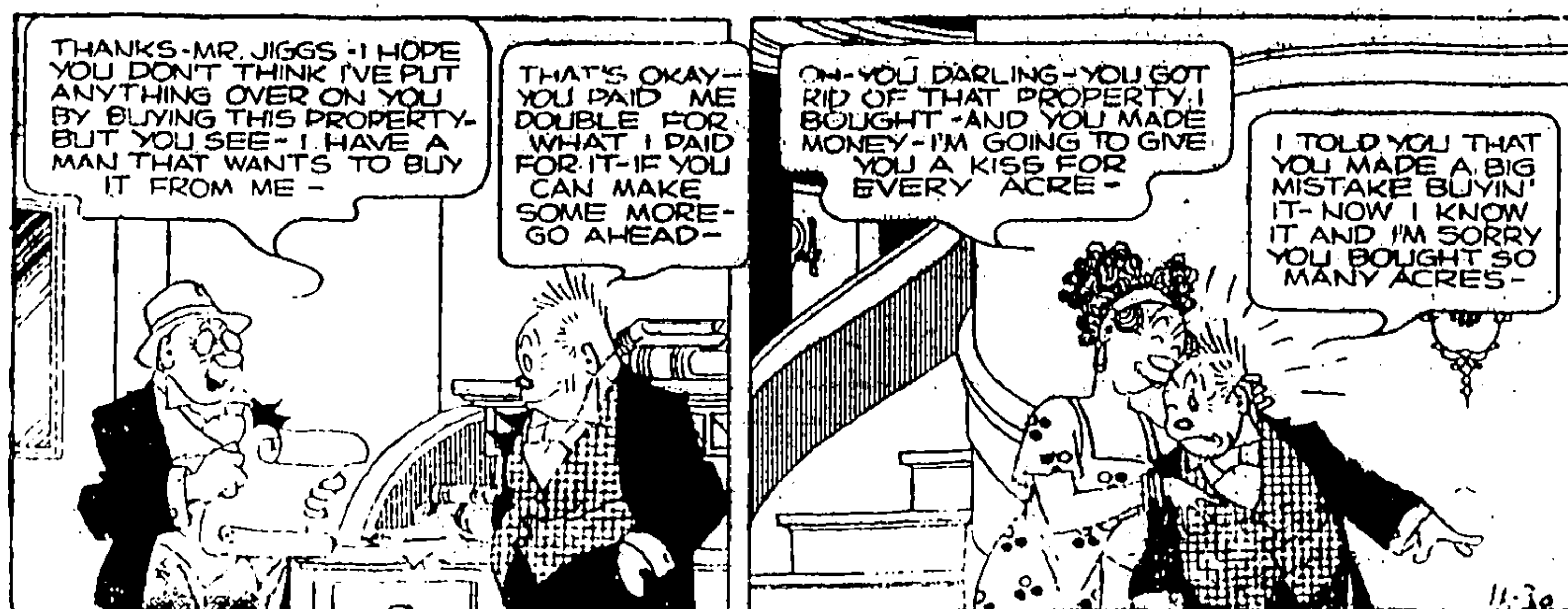
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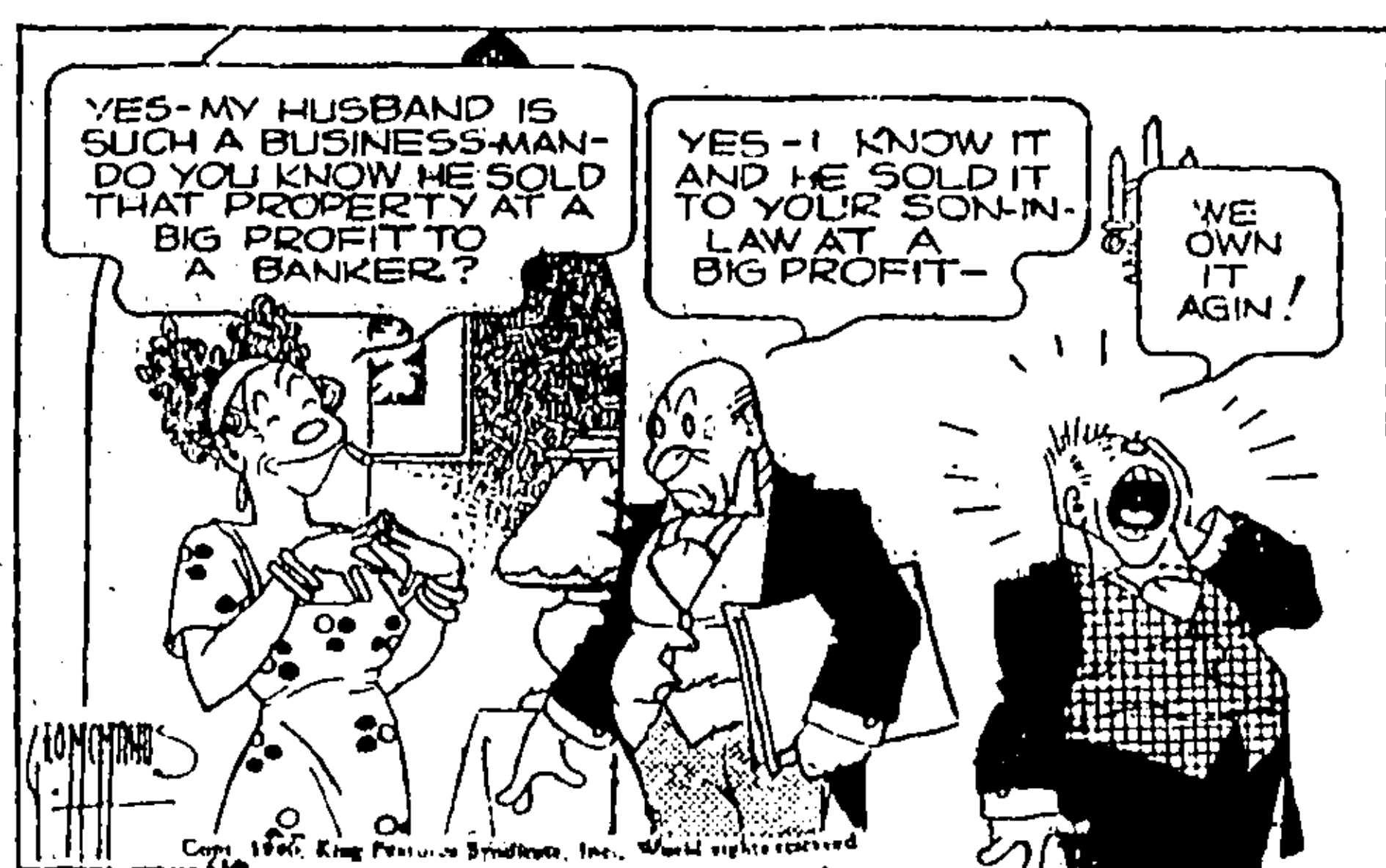
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Bringing Up Father



By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

A Grand Finale To A Noble Bird Is Turkey-Mushroom Soup

By Dorothy Greig

It may be heresy even to hint at such a thing... but there are some irrepressible souls who think the best part of the turkey is its final wind-up as turkey soup. Such honest flavour, they claim, almost more than the turkey meat itself had, as though the very essence of flavour had been saved for this, its glorious finish.

And I agree, for my own turkey soup is something of which I'm really proud. You see, I add condensed cream of mushroom soup which gives it an extra fillup of delicate flavour, and a smoothness of texture that is a delight to the palate. Here's how it goes:

- Bones of one roast turkey
- 2 quarts cold water
- 1 carrot, sliced
- 1 stalk celery
- 2 slices onion, medium size

Put all ingredients into a stewing kettle, bring to a boil and simmer, covered, for 2 hours. Strain. Makes 1½ quarts stock.

- 1½ quarts turkey stock
- 4 tablespoons rice, uncooked



*2 cans condensed cream of mushroom soup

Cook the rice in the turkey stock until soft when pressed between the fingers. Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan,

stir well and add the turkey stock with cooked rice.

For garnish — add 4 tablespoons of chopped tomato (firm part) and 1 teaspoon chopped parsley. Makes 2¼ quarts.

Note:

No salt and pepper were used in this recipe because the seasoning in the cream of mushroom soup seemed adequate. However, you may prefer to add about ¼ teaspoon of salt and pinch of pepper.

Other Use For Tint

Women who have "spotted skin" caused from a liver or pigment-lacking condition, could use this liquid complexion tint to advantage. By deftly applying the tint to the paler areas and blending it with finger tips it is possible to obtain one lovely tone, then over this the rouge may go.

The nice thing about such a cosmetic is that it permits one to change type. Once you get bored with your too bleached, winter skin you can, presto, paint on a harmless shade of two and turn out to be a ravishing bronze beauty! But do remember that such a skin tone requires a very vivid lipstick—a true yellow-scarlet, or a cerise-scarlet. The deeper winter lipsticks look dull with this tint.

In case you wonder the tint and rouge may be removed easily with cleansing cream or bland soap and water. And it is best to put it on freshly washed skin—there is no need for a foundation under it.

BRONZED COMPLEXIONS

Pale faces do not harmonise with the exotic, tropical colours of the new season's fashions. These brewed from native Latin American plants, are the same rich, lovely colours you find in Indian pottery and serapes—the vivid green of giant fern, vibrant purple, geranium red, chartreuse and chola (which is a most magnetic purple-red). Important too is the natural beige of unbleached hemp. To wear these, one's complexion must be exquisitely bronzed by the sun's good rays or—artificially bronzed with a new complexion tint and liquid rouge! Yes, my dears, pale faces can be made into mystery-eyed Peruvian beauties with the aid of two little bottles of liquid and a vibrant lipstick.

The tint is applied to your skin with a bit of dry cotton and then blended with your fingers much the same way as you apply a foundation lotion. The trick is to cover ALL your exposed skin—your face and neck, behind your ears, your arms and hands. If a few pale spots remain the effect you desire is entirely destroyed.

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Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.

1.45 p.m.—Schubert—Quartet in A
Minor, Op. 29.

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5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

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tions.

6.32 p.m.—Schumann—Symphony No. 4
in D Minor, Op. 120. London Sym-
phony Orchestra conducted by Bruno
Walter.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk by
Robert Donat.

7.30 p.m.—Richard Tauber (Tenor) and
Debroy Somers Band.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Three Songs by Elsie Sudda-
by (Soprano).

8.13 p.m.—Purcell—Suite for Dido and
Aeneas.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Makers of Medi-
cine" No. 2: 'Behind the Scenes: The
Making of a Doctor'. Talk by Father
G. Byrne, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Songs by Amelita Galli-Curci
(Soprano).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of
the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—Selections from Musical
Comedy.

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woman.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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FOUR MONTHS IN WANG CONCENTRATION CAMP

IMPRISONED, WHIPPED and put through the third degree in a concentration camp in Shanghai — well-known as the Seventy-Six — organised by Wang Ching-wei's Gestapo at No. 76, Jessfield Road, General Liu Te-ming, former Commander of the Chinese Volunteers in the North-western provinces in 1930-31, Counsellor of the Director-General's Headquarters in Mongolia in 1937, and former Commander of guerilla forces in Mongolia, arrived in Hong Kong over the week-end after serving four months in the concentration camp.

Slightly deaf and lame, the result of the treatment in the camp, General Liu gave an exclusive interview to the "China Mail" at the St. Francis Hotel this morning.

Western Shanghai, he stated, is now virtually controlled by the Japanese military. Pan San-sen, a notorious gangster, and Li Sze-tchun, head of Wang Ching-wei's Gestapo.

In the course of the interview, General Liu said that he was suspected of underground activities and was arrested by Wang Ching-wei's Secret Service agents in March last year.

He was thrown into Wang's "Concentration Camp" at No. 76, Jessfield Road and was imprisoned there for four months.

They put him through the third degree, stripping him naked and whipping him on the back with his hands and feet tied.

Hung By Legs

Later they hung him by the legs and poured water down his nostrils. As a result of this treatment he has become lame and suffers from deafness.

(At first, he was put into a small room containing between 40 and 50 other people, mostly murderers, thieves and other criminals.

Failing to obtain the information they believed he possessed, they threw him into a cell where so-called political offenders were imprisoned. Conditions in this room were slightly better, and among those detained there were some of Wang's own people.

Those in this room were not allowed any newspapers. They were given copies of public announcements and speeches made by Wang Ching-wei and had to memorise them all.

Many of the inmates were taken from this camp to Chung Shan Road where they were shot, while others died as a result of ill-treatment.

On promising to proceed to Nanking and work for the Nanking Government, General Liu was released in June last year. In Nanking he met most of the puppet leaders, including Chow Fuhai, Chen Kung-po, and Chu Ming-i.

Escape To Soochow

On the pretext that he needed rest and medical treatment, General Liu was granted sick leave and given a "Good Citizen Certificate" which at first allowed him to move only within the city limits of Nanking. Later he was allowed to travel between Nanking and Shanghai, always, however, accompanied by agents for "protection."

Apparently believing that General Liu had been completely "reformed," Wang's Gestapo relaxed their "protection" measures and General Liu was able to move more freely in Shanghai though his movements were always watched.

Managing to get to Soochow, however, General Liu looked up a friend, and with his assistance, secured passage on a steamer to Hong Kong, where he arrived during the week-end.

In escaping from Shanghai, General Liu disguised himself as a merchant and with a borrowed suit and a Chinese quilt evaded detection by Wang's agents on the wharf.

Chen Kung-po

"Though Mayor of Shanghai, Chen Kung-po is virtually powerless, declared General Liu and explained that the administration is being controlled by more than one independent organisation.

"Chen's promises to clear the 'badlands' are empty and will never be carried out, for the man behind the vice organisations in western Shanghai is Pan San-sen, Japanese-protected gangster," said General Liu.

General Liu cited many instances showing that the Japanese do not respect Chen Kung-po's authority and that he is a mere figure-head.

KING DOWN A SHELTER

The King and Queen walked through the long tunnels of a public shelter with crowds walking on either side of them singing the National Anthem.

It was the first time they had been down a deep shelter.

Two thousand people were still there when the King and Queen arrived soon after "Raiders passed" had been sounded.

The King's first question was how many people could shelter there, and when he was told the number was between eight and nine thousand he commented on the excellent arrangements of the shelter.

The King and Queen emerged from the shelter some way from where the royal cars were standing.

Good Luck

They walked for a quarter of a mile along a street among the morning shopping crowds.

By the time they reached them there was an escort of several hundred shoppers and shopkeepers cheering.

A man in the crowd shouted, "Jolly good luck to you!" as the King walked to his car.

The King stopped, smiled, and answered, "The same to you and to all of you."

The King and Queen went to the Wandsworth first aid station, where they inspected mobile hospital units and talked to members of first aid parties.

Their Majesties inspected surface shelters before returning to Buckingham Palace.

GOLF RESULTS

Following are the latest golf results at Royal Hong Kong Golf Club:—

Captain's Cup (1940) Third Round—T. Megarry (9) beat W. S. Hillier (10) 6 and 4; T. Low (12) beat J. Linaker (15) 5 and 4; F. A. Howard (17) beat A. B. Purves (10) 5 and 4; G. M. Park (17) beat H. Overy (18) 7 and 6.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP Semi-Final—S. L. Lloyd beat N. D. Lloyd one up; A. J. Dennis beat E. G. Price 4 and 3.

"ONIONS"

A Sunderland of the Coastal Command, on convoy escort, picked up its convoy far out to sea.

No sooner had the flying boat taken station than a ship at the tail of the steaming line began to signal by lamp.

The word "Onions" was spelled out in Morse several times—just that one word "Onions" and nothing more.

Everybody in the Sunderland wondered what was meant. The code book gave no possible explanation.

"Message not understood. Please repeat and explain" signalled the Sunderland. But still the merchant ship went on spelling: "Onions, Onions, Onions." So the captain of the Sunderland gave it up, and flew on to watch for enemy submarines.

A fortnight later the captain of the Sunderland received a letter from the skipper of the ship. The letter was addressed to the Sunderland under its identification letters, "c/o Air Ministry, London."

"We had been listening to the wireless news," wrote the ship's master "and heard that you in England were suffering from an acute shortage of onions. My ship was loaded to the hatches with onions, and I wanted to give the good news to the first bit of England we sighted. You were it."

Another Coastal Command convoy story:—A little ship joined a convoy and hoisted a strange, white bearded, scare-crow-like figure to the mast head. The captain of the escorting flying boat, gravely puzzled, asked the reason. Was it a signal of distress?

There was an interchange of Morse conversation. "That figure is our Santa Claus" said the ship. "We made it. We have a cargo of fruit for the Christmas markets. That's why we are flying Santa at the main."

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133 Lights (Old) @ \$6.15

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DULLNESS ON THE STOCK MARKET

Dullness persisted on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Gilt-edged recovered early losses and Kaffirs were firmly held and occasionally higher; elsewhere the market generally was heavy. Industrials were dull and textiles, breweries, steels, stores and tobaccos were all lower. Losses were also recorded in tins, rubbers, and oils and some selling of home rails was witnessed. Japanese bonds recovered further. Wall Street was very quiet.—Reuter.



Mr. Motter leading in Moonlight; F. Noode up surprise winner of the first race yesterday.

SOFTBALL NOTES

Girls Games Played In Uncomfortable Rain

Canuckettes Extended By Panthers

Efegina Babida's First No-Hitter

By "Grandstand"

BEFORE A HANDFUL of die-hards, the full three-game schedule in the Ladies Softball League was played off under a drizzling rain. As expected both the Wildcats-Chung Hwa and Cardinals-Little Flowers tilts proved to be pushovers, whilst the Canadian Chinese were fully extended by the Baby Panthers before they could take the verdict in a 16-12 decision.

Mary Ng, on the slab for the Maple Leafs, chucked her usual brand of heavy ball and only allowed three scattered hits, while fanning seven Pantherettes, which is some going, considering the wet

ball caused by the condition of the ground. Mary Ng passed four to first against Panther hurler Lella Xavier's one, but the latter encountered difficulty with the wet ball and was content just to toss them over at the sacrifice of speed, which proved disastrous as she was nicked for 14 safeties.

Pennant Hopes Crash

Fielding only eight players, Canadian Chinese pennant hopes slumped to a new low, when the Panthers blanked them in the initial frame, and chalked up a flying start of four runs on Regina Xavier's double, helped by three Canuckette miscues, but in the next stanza, the Maple Leafs came right back with a vengeance, and pushed six markers across the pan on three safeties, including Mary Ng's four-master with ducks in the pond.

In the Panthers home half of the inning, they replied with four tallies on only one hit, assisted by six (count 'em) errors to take the lead once more.

Both sides were unable to score in the third, but in the fourth, the Canadians threatened when Ulian Khoo banged out a Ruthian wallon with none aboard, but the side was retired without further gain, when Rene Yuen popped out leaving Jay Wong and Mary Ng stranded on the sacks.

In the fifth, the Canuckettes went to town, as they unleashed another three-hit four-run uprising.

One more tally in the sixth, together with four counters in the last, cinched the game for the Canadians.

Panthers' Spirit

The Panthers displayed a sample of their undying spirit when they produced four runs after two away in a last-inning rally, giving the Maple Leafs a scare.

As Coach Bill Woo afterwards remarked, "It was close!"

Canuckettes Mary Ng and Ulian Khoo were each good for a homer a-piece, whilst Pantherette hurler Lella Xavier clouted the only triple, chasing in team-mates Celeste Guterres and Alec Mendonca.

Regina Xavier, Hilda "Bambina" Soares, Vivian Louie and Ulian Khoo were good for doubles.

Panther short-stop Regina Xavier, had a poor day on the field, no less than seven errors being chalked up against her, whilst Thelma "Peanut" Marques and Canuckette third-sacker Vivian Louie both committed four errors.

Easy Pickings

The Wildcats found Chung Hwa hurler Funghie Law easy pickings, connecting her for 19 safeties, to hand out a 37-5 trimming, at the same time fattening their batting averages. In a six-inning massacre, Wildcat slabstress Thelma Collaco fanned four, whilst Chung Hwa chucker Funghie Law issued nine free tickets to first.

The Wildcats fielded a scratch team, but each untarned feline was good for at least two hits, except Mary Mar and Virginia Chu, both of whom only connected safely once in six times.

Chung Hwa scored four of their five runs in the first inning on two bobbles and three passed balls, but was held scoreless until the last semester, when another run was produced on a squeeze play.

The longest hit of the game was made by Thelma Collaco, when she belted in the only four-bagger of the fray. Margaret Young's

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

SENIOR LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	9	2	.818
Indian Softballers	9	3	.750
Hong Kong Baseballers	8	3	.727
Recreio Aces	6	4	.600
Cyclones	6	5	.545
Chinese Baseballers	3	6	.333
Filipinos	2	9	.182
Canadian Chinese	0	11	.000
JUNIOR LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pctg.
Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.R.C.	9	1	.901
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Recreio Bree	6	3	.667
Cosmopolitans	6	4	.600
Liga Portuguesa	4	5	.444
South China	4	5	.444
Royal Scots	3	6	.333
8th R.A.	3	7	.300
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000
LADIES' LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pctg.
Canadian Chinese	11	1	.917
Wildcats	11	1	.917
Wahoons	9	3	.750
Baby Panthers	7	6	.538
Cardinals	7	6	.538
Recreio Ramblerettes	3	9	.250
Little Flowers	1	11	.093
Chung Hwa	0	12	.000
INTER-HONG LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pctg.
Hong Kong Bankers	4	0	1.000
Texaco Oilers	4	1	.800
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Lacna	2	2	.500
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	4	.000

CHESS

KARPOVICH WINS AGAIN

L. Karpovich maintained his unbeaten record against the pick of the Colony's chess players when he defeated D. E. de Carvalho last night to score his third point in the Colony Open Chess Championship and lead the Tournament by half a point with a game in hand.

Carvalho played an irregular king's pawn opening against his opponent, Karpovich, with black, taking the offensive after Carvalho had early placed himself at a positional disadvantage. Karpovich entered the end game two pawns up and forced his opponent's resignation.

Following is the Colony Senior Chess Championship latest tournament table:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
L. Karpovich	3	3	0	0	3
C. M. Sequeira	4	2	1	1	2½
G. S. Coxhead	3	2	0	1	2
E. Zimmern	3	1	1	1½	1½
K. Weiss	4	1	1	2	1½
D. E. de Carvalho	5	0	1	4	½

The following games are on the postponed list:—Sequeira v Coxhead, Zimmern v Karpovich, Zimmern v Weiss, and Coxhead v Karpovich.

Results in the Colony Junior Championship were:—A. Y. Birlukoff beat R. C. Danenberg, and V. V. Kolachoff beat R. C. Gardner.

triple, was the next longest, but she just couldn't get the lead out of her feet, and was nailed at the home plate in attempting to stretch it into a circuit clout. Lily Mar, who came in at a late stage of the game, also tripled.

Babida's First No-Hit

The Cardinals triumphed over the Little Flowers, by 19-3, in a game featured by hurler Efegina Babida's first no-hit game of the season. The Florinhs were saved from a white-washing by drawing a walk from Babida and scoring on a wild heave.

MEN'S LEAGUE

POOR GAME

By "Grandstand"

In the Men's senior League, the Chinese Baseballers-Canadian Chinese clash was postponed as both sides were unable to field teams.

In the night-cap, the Filipinos, made up mostly of players of the second division Cosmopolitans, succumbed to a scratch Recreio nine by 12-5, in a game devoid of interest.

Tatong Amper hurled for the Islanders and yielded 13 hits. Recreio battery was Gerry Gosano and Charlie Figueiredo, with an infield which included Henry "Old Marse" Barros, and Caco Marques.

In sliding into second base, in the last inning, regular Cosmopolitan first-sacker Tony Sandberg sprained his hip.

TO-DAY'S SEVENS GAMES

Following is the Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament programme for to-day on the Club ground, Happy Valley:

4.50 p.m. Royal Engineers v. 8th Heavy "B". Referee: Lt.-Cdr. Harrison.

5.10 p.m. Combined Small Units v. 12th Heavy "A". Referee: Major Curran.

5.30 p.m. Civil Service v. Police "B". Referee: Lt. Pirie.

5.50 p.m. Club "A" v. Middlesex "A". Referee: J. S. Riddell.

REVISED HOCKEY FIXTURES

Following are the revised fixtures for the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament:—

FEBRUARY 23

A. N. O'her XI.	v.	Destroyers
C.B.A.	v.	5th A.A. "B"
Recreio	v.	University
Nomads	v.	R.E.
Police "B"	v.	Punjabia
2nd M.T.B.'s	v.	R.C. Signals
5th A.A. "A"	v.	Khalsa

MARCH 9

Police "A"	v.	Recreio
5th A.A. "B"	v.	Police "B"
Gunboats	v.	Khalsa
C.B.A.	v.	R.E.
University	v.	Nomads
5th A.A. "A"	v.	Punjabia

MARCH 16

R.E.	v.	Police "A"
5th A.A. "A"	v.	Police "B"
Recreio	v.	Nomads
5th A.A. "B"	v.	Gunboats
C.B.A.	v.	Destroyers
R.E.	v.	University
Khalsa	v.	R.C. Signals

MARCH 23

2nd M.T.B.'s	v.	Police "A"
Recreio	v.	Punjabia
Gunboats	v.	Nomads
University	v.	5th A.A. "B"

MARCH 30

5th A.A. "A"	v.	Police "A"
Destroyers	v.	University
Nomads	v.	5th A.A. "B"
C.B.A.	v.	R.C. Signals
Recreio	v.	Khalsa
2nd M.T.B.'s	v.	R.E.

APRIL 6

Police "A"	v.	Punjabia
5th A.A. "A"	v.	Nomads
Destroyers	v.	5th A.A. "B"
5th A.A. "B"	v.	R.E.
Nomads	v.	2nd M.T.B.'s

NEEDA TOP OF TABLE

Following is how the jockeys and owners fared in the first two days of the Annual Race Meeting:—

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Un.
V. V. Needa	4	2	1	8
C. B. Moller	3	2	1	6
H. C. Pih	2	2	1	8
W. H. S. Davis	2	2	0	10
Ip Kul-ying	2	0	1	1
S. C. Liang	2	0	1	5
H. J. A. Hearn	2	0	0	4
F. Noodt	1	3	2	7
W. G. Poy	1	2	0	5
P. Y. T. Wei	1	1	3	8
D. H. S. Craven	1	0	2	6
H. J. Holden	1	0	1	0
P. P. Botelho	1	0	1	7
B. L. Tao	1	0	1	15
R. M. Wood	1	0	0	5
M. M. Sokoloff	0	3	0	7
L. B. Chao	0	2	1	10
K. W. Fung	0	1	0	0
A. D. Coppin	0	1	0	2
D. G. Woo	0	1	0	2
S. L. Sung	0	1	0	8
D. Black	0	0	4	11
L. J. A. Fielden	0	0	1	0
Tang Man-wa	0	0	1	3
S. W. Tang	0	0	1	4
H. S. Chang	0	0	1	10
S. W. Pan	0	0	0	1
M. F. L. Haymes	0	0	0	1
G. W. Cooper	0	0	0	1
J. Barrow	0	0	0	1
H. C. Chan	0	0	0	1
T. W. Chattey	0	0	0	2
F. A. Sequeira	0	0	0	2
S. W. Lee	0	0	0	2
K. I. Ip	0	0	0	2
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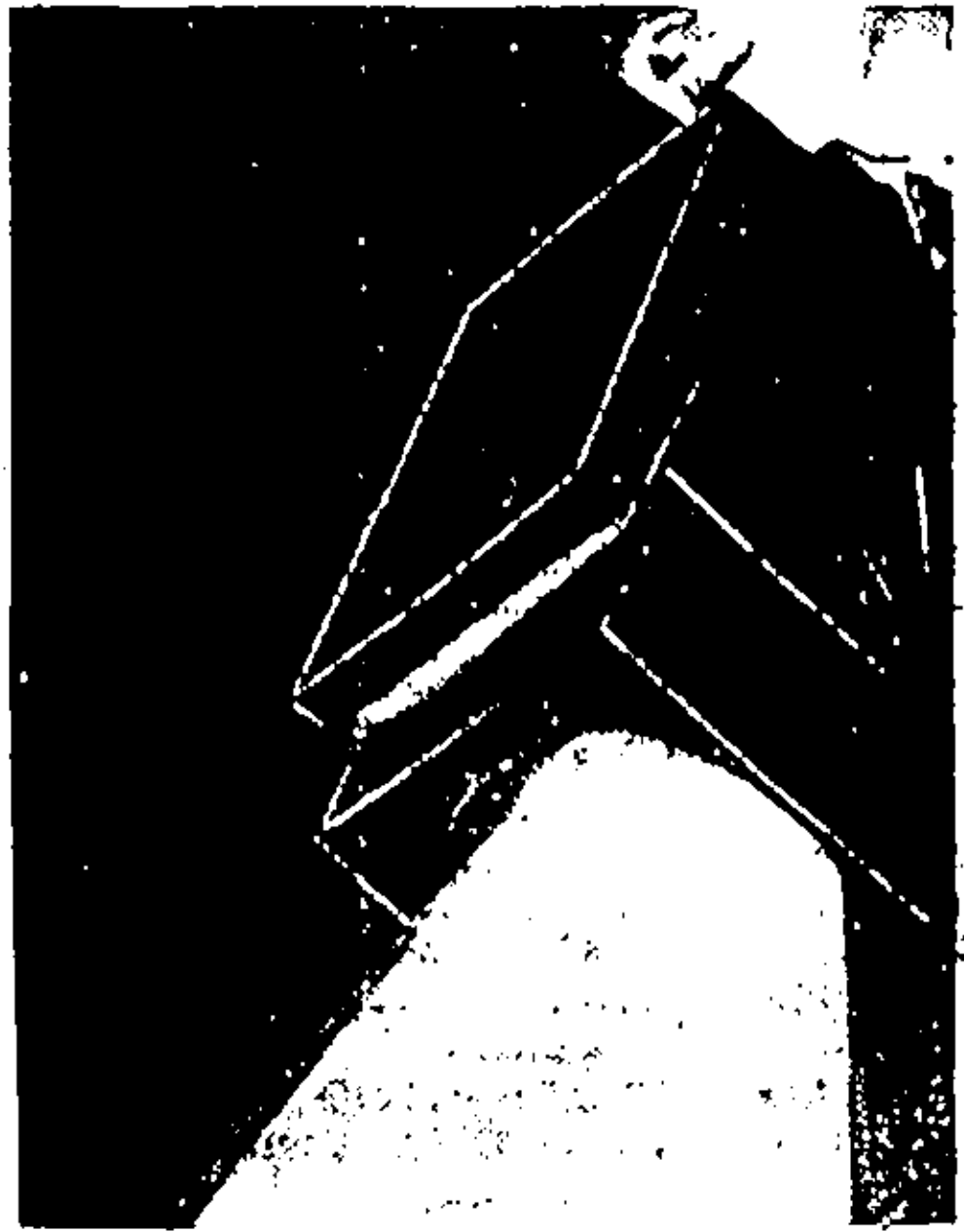
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WEMBLEY MAY NOT SEE 1941 CUP FINAL

Wembley Stadium has staged the Cup Final every year since the memorable opening in 1923, when 150,000 people watched the West Ham and Bolton Wanderers match, but it is generally considered that unless conditions show a vast change the final will not be played there this season.

It would mean that a London club reaching the final would have to travel to the provinces, but then they would only be in the peace-time position of the provincial clubs. In any case, London could always stage its own London Cup final at Wembley as some compensation. —Reuter.



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1940 ENGLISH FLAT-RACING SEASON ONE OF STRANGEST

THE 1940 FLAT RACING season will be remembered as one of the strangest in the history of the Turf. The War seriously interfered with the sport which was greatly curtailed.

The Derby and Oaks were run at Newmarket instead of at Epsom, the Cambridgeshire, for the first time, took place at Nottingham, and there was no official St. Leger. The best that could be done was to stage the Yorkshire St. Leger at Thirsk on the last day of the season.

The greatest blow the sport received was the suspension for three months in what should have been the best part of the season. There was no racing in the South after June, meetings being held in the Midlands and the North in addition to Newmarket.

Djebel In France

A French horse, Djebel, won the 2,000 Guineas and then went back to his own country. When France capitulated Djebel was reported to have been sent to Germany, but he has since reported to have won a race in France.

Many meetings were cancelled at short notice, and as there was no rule which provided for them to be held elsewhere the Stewards of the Jockey Club decided to modify the Rules of Racing so that every race closing after Nov. 1, 1940, could be run on any course selected by them. This was a wise move, for previously when a meeting was abandoned the races had to be re-opened and fresh entries made.

It was fortunate for Mr. Fred Darling, the owner of Pont l'Évêque, that new entries had to be made for the Derby, as the horse was not in the original race.

Aga Khan Sells

During the year, the Aga Khan sold his Derby winners, Bahram and Mahmoud, to American breeders. Sir Abe Bailey died in South Africa, and Mr. J. B. Joel in England. Both were at one time among the strongest supporters of the Turf. Horses were sold at ridiculously low prices at the Newmarket Sales, and small prices brought out huge fields at some meetings.

Gordon Richards is the champion jockey for the fourteenth time in fifteen years. He rode 68 winners, had 56 seconds, 47 thirds, and was unplaced on 172 occasions. For the first time in his career, Gordon won the Lincolnshire Handicap and the Cesarewitch.

The Derby again eluded him. He was unplaced on Tant Mieux, a stable-companion of Pont l'Évêque. Two years previously Gordon was in the same position when Bois Roussel won for Fred Darling's stable. On that occasion the champion rode the better-fancied stable companion, Pasch.

The best apprentices were again R. Lacey, K. Mullins and C. Littlewood. All three had a good season, but Lacey had a bad fall at Nottingham which stopped him from riding for the remainder of the season.

Godiva Wins

Godiva was the best three-year-old filly. She won the 1,000

Guineas, and New Oaks with ease. Many people thought that she was better than Pont l'Évêque. When racing stopped, Godiva was sent to Ireland where she met with a fatal accident.

It was uncertain which was the best of the two-year-olds until the last week of the season, when Poise, owned by Mr. J. A. Dewar, conclusively proved his right to be regarded as such when he easily won the Back End Stakes at Newmarket. Unfortunately he was not entered for any of the classic races. Even if he had been he would not have been eligible to compete as he is a gelding, and the classics are open only to entire colts and fillies.

Poise is trained by Fred Darling at Beekhampton. In that stable is probably also the best two-year-old filly, a daughter of Unidwar and Rosetta. Like Poise, she has yet to be beaten.

The King won only one race during the season. This was with Merry Wanderer, a useful two-year-old who should do further good service in the Royal colours. The colt is engaged in the 2,000 Guineas and the Derby in 1941, but will have to improve considerably if he is to win a classic race. — Reuter.

GORDON RICHARDS' PIGEONS

For a long time Gordon Richards has been doing voluntary service of a military character in connection with pigeons, writes a correspondent.

He is a well-known fancier and owns one of the finest lofts in the world.

He has given these pigeons, which have won him many races and are worth £2,000, to the Government.

Richards, who is 36, will probably be called to the Colours before flat-racing is resumed in the Spring, and the man who has been champion jockey of Britain more times than any other — 14 in 15 years — and whose earnings have constituted a Turf record will be looking at life with the eyes of a soldier.

Gordon's income for years has been five figures. His retainer has been around £5,000 a year. I have myself attended championship dinners which must have cost around £1,000 each — figures which will appear monumental on the 1s. 6d. a day soldier's rations.

Soldier-jockeys are worried by the question of leave. Some are generously treated by their commanding officers; others are not so lucky.

Only the other day I shook hands with a successful rider who feared he would not see a race-course again until the end of the war.

CRICKET AGAIN OFF

The final fixture of the Volunteer cricket week which should have been played at Hong Kong Cricket Club to-day between the Officers and Sergeants, and Other Ranks, has been cancelled. Both previous fixtures were also cancelled.

The match between K.C.C. and R.A.S.C. which should have been played at Cox's Road to-day has also been cancelled.

To-day's Badminton

Following is to-day's "B" Division League Badminton programme:—
J.R.C. v. Recreio
St. Andrew's v. St. John's
Kowloon
Tong v. Police

The match between Chung Wah and King's College was played on February 10.

'VARSITY SOCCER MATCH

There is the true story of an Oxford Undergraduate walking down the High one boat-race morning and saying to a passer-by: "Excuse me, sir, but can you tell me the date of the Boat Race?"

If that exaggerates the lack of interest of modern Oxford in one of the two events which at one time carried the only Blues-cricketer was the other — it is pathetically true of the inter-Varsity Soccer match, latest of which was played recently, writes L. V. Manning.

The first war-time game played at Oxford last December was, I remember, entirely surrounded by other diversions, including a Rugby game and a girl Undergraduate hockey match. The athletic club had, in great restraint, refrained from using the running track.

And the hundred odd who looked on seemed to find as much to watch in the hockey as in the Soccer.

Which was understandable. There were some very pretty girls. The soccer match (a 2-2 draw) should be remembered not for the football, but for the perseverance in the face of much discouragement of the little group of enthusiasts which averted a gap in the historic sequence.

CRICKET, SOCCER LOSSES

Here's something which reflects the sort of war this is (so far) compared with last time, writes L. V. Manning.

I do not know the actual number of soccer footballers and cricketers killed in the first 15 months of Great War No. 1, but it ran into hundreds. So far, four first-class cricketers and seven Football League professionals have been killed. The four cricketers were amateurs, three of them being former County captains—F. T. Eckersley (Lancashire), R. P. Nelson (Northants), G. B. Legge (Kent), and R. E. C. Butterworth (Middlesex).

The seven footballers are Tom Cooper (Liverpool), Frank Carpenter (Manchester United), Robert Gordon (Huddersfield Town), Joseph Carr (Sheffield United), Grenville Roberts (Nottingham Forest), Stanley Docking (Tranmere Rovers, and Ernest Bell (Aldershot).

In addition, Charles Jones (Southend) was reported missing from a trawler fleet in October.

VETERAN BOWLER'S SPLENDID FEAT

Here is the story of Freddie Fischer, veteran Buffalo bowler who at the age of 51 won the sport's most coveted honour — the A.B.C. all-events championship—with a smashing total of 2001 pins.

Freddie Fischer has been bowling for 39 years, but it was only seven years ago that he picked up the finesse which last spring brought him the sport's most coveted achievement — the American Bowling Congress all-events championship.

And he picked up that finesse in the kitchen.

Not that Fischer wasn't a good enough bowler before. He started at 12, and has been among the best in Buffalo since he was 14. Although he has no records on the thousands of games he has rolled, his lifetime average is 200 pins—and you don't get an average like that without being at least pretty good.

But for 32 years he rolled a straight ball, relied on uncanny control.

Then seven years ago Andy Varipapa, the trick artist, visited Fischer for several days, taught him to roll a hook ball. They spent long hours practicing in the kitchen in Fischer's home, rolling the ball back and forth until Fischer got onto the technique of pulling out his thumb at just the right moment and imparting spin with his fingers.

Applying that technique on the alleys was easy after that.

Fischer's game improved steadily.

It improved so much that at 51 — when most bowlers are way past their prime — he won the A.B.C. all-events title in Detroit.

He became one of the oldest men in A.B.C. history to take the championship, although Phil Wolfe, now dead, won in 1928 at 60.

Mark Surpassed Only Six Times

To win this super-honour, Fischer rolled a total score of 2001 pins, a mark which has been surpassed only six times in the tournament's history.

The highest score is 2070, held by Max Stein of Belleville, Ind.

Fischer's scores were 688 in the five-man team event, 667 in the two-man and 646 in the individual event—an average of more than 222 pins for each of nine games. His main trouble was with the No. 10 pin. He shot at it 19 times in the nine games.

When he got a telegram telling him he had won the all-events, Fischer figured he was just about the happiest man in the country.

Fischer's entire life revolves around bowling. He is proprietor of one of Buffalo's finest bowling layouts, and has his whole family interested.

He and his son, Fred, Jr., have a standing offer to bowl any father and son in the country. It's a

challenge that has stood for five years without takers. There are two daughters, too—Gladys, who rolls about 165, and Betty, who is just starting.

Fischer has taken part in 25 A.B.C. tournaments, and in that time the best bowlers all over the country have learned to know him.

Fischer Aspires To Repeat In '41

In Buffalo, they all know Freddie Fischer—good and bad bowlers alike. Most of them call him Kuemmel Week Fischer—a name he picked up from working in his father's bakery as a boy. Kuemmel Week is the German term for a kind of caraway-seed-topped bun.

In addition to his stint in the bakery, Kuemmel Week worked setting up pins in a bowling alley just three doors from his home, and that's how it all started.

After 30 years, he's still active, although he doesn't bowl as many games as he did 10 or 20 years ago. He says his control isn't quite what it once was, but the hook still gets 'em.

He tends bar at his bowling establishment, still finds time to bowl with a team that's entered in three leagues, with an average of 197 for 99 games so far this season.

Fischer is going to the A.B.C. tournament in St. Paul determined to repeat or at least to take one of the event titles—a feat never accomplished in A.B.C. history in successive years.

He may not beat out all of the 30,000 bowlers who will roll, but Freddie Kuemmel Week Fischer will at least be up among the contenders, and if he can get that 10 pin to fall, watch out!

GARRISON SNOOKER

Latest results of matches played in the Garrison Snooker League are:

R. A. Station Sergeants' Mess, (Stanley) 3, Royal Army Medical Corps, 3; Royal Engineers "A", 4, Royal Signals Corps Mess, 2; Royal Engineers Sergeants' Mess, 4, Royal Signals "A", 2; Royal Army Pay Corps, 3, Corps of Military Police, 3.

TABLE TO DATE

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R.A.M.C.	5 2 0 3 21
R.E. 'A'	5 2 0 3 18
R.E. Sergeants' Mess	5 2 1 2 17
R.A. Sergeants' Stanley	5 1 0 4 16
C. M. Police	5 1 0 4 16
Royal Signals Cpls.	5 1 2 2 13
R.A.P.C.	5 1 2 2 12
Royal Signals 'A'	5 0 5 0 7

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ISOLATION HOLDS FLOOR

Sharp Attacks On Roosevelt Policy In Senate

ENEMY BOMBER CATCHES TARTAR

An Admiralty communique states: "An enemy aircraft was shot down in the North Sea early yesterday morning by the minesweeping trawler Stella Rigel.

When the enemy aircraft approached and circled the minesweeping trawler the commanding officer himself opened fire. He scored hits immediately and the enemy aircraft exploded in the air.

There were no survivors from the enemy aircraft and no casualties were sustained by the trawler." — British Wireless.

MINESWEEPER SUNK

The Admiralty (says a Reuter cable from London) announces that the minesweeper Huntly has been sunk. Next of kin have been informed.

'Gamble' On British Victory!

OPENING THE opposition's attack in the Senate on the Lease and Lend Bill yesterday Senator Clark (Missouri) said he saw the Bill as a gamble "upon the one card of complete British victory, taking the United States to the very brink of war."

"As much as I admire the heroism of the British in the defence of their own island I am entirely unwilling to commit this country to the defence of the British Empire around the world."

Senator Clark urged that American taxpayers should not be asked to make sacrifices by the adoption of measures which Canada, New Zealand and Australia were not called upon to enact.

Hopes for a relatively quiet approval of the Bill by the Senate were raised when Senator Clark said the opposition did not desire to prolong the debate unduly and referred to "a few brief days."

Opponents of the Bill held the floor of the Senate throughout the day.

"War G.H.Q."

Senator Vandenberg, though emphasising his personal support of aid for Britain, declared the White House had become "the general headquarters for the second World War."

He asserted the Bill would make President Roosevelt powerful politician number one of the

world. Senator Gerald Nye, who followed, asked whether President Roosevelt was entertaining the notion of a permanent alliance with Britain.—Reuter.

FIREWOOD RAMP CONTINUES

A further increase in the price of firewood was registered this morning when 18 catties were quoted for one dollar.

"Government is definitely taking steps to relieve the acute situation by importing firewood," declared Mr. W. J. Anderson, Controller of Stores, to the "China Mail" to-day.

Mr. Anderson also disclosed that the first shipment by Government is expected in the Colony within the next week from Sandakan.

ASKED WHETHER THE PRICES WILL BE STABILISED BY GOVERNMENT, MR. ANDERSON REPLIED THAT THIS QUESTION WAS STILL BEING CONSIDERED BY GOVERNMENT.

Suggestion in well-informed quarters is that import costs prove that the increase in firewood prices is undisguised profiteering, and that prices have been forced up in the last few days to enable the profiteers to reap a further harvest before prices are controlled.

U.S. NOT IMPRESSED

"THE UNITED STATES IS FAR MORE INTERESTED IN THE DEEDS OF OTHER NATIONS THAN IN THE STATEMENTS SOME OF THEIR SPOKESMEN MAY MAKE."

THIS WAS THE REPLY OF MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT A JAPANESE SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT THAT JAPAN AIMS AT PEACEFUL RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.—REUTER.

BIG SWEEP TO BE KEPT OPEN

The big sweep on the Rooty Hill Derby, which has now passed the \$950,000 mark, was officially to have been closed at 10 a.m. to-day.

Because of the postponement of the races, the sweep is being kept open until Saturday morning.

GREECE APPROVES

Greek opinion has received the Turco-Bulgarian pact favourably, judging from comments in yesterday morning's newspapers.

The Athens papers point out that it is emphasised in the declaration that the agreement is "without prejudice to contracted undertakings with regard to other countries."

The declaration, it is added, is governed by the spirit of "good neighbourly" relations and, as the Turkish Foreign Minister stated, it is capable of a further drawing of the Balkans away from undesirable complications.—Reuter.

GATHERING FOR KEREN ASSAULT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SUBSTANTIAL REINFORCEMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE KEREN SECTOR IN ERI-TREA IN PREPARATION FOR THE FINAL ASSAULT ON THE ITALIAN STRONGHOLD, SAYS A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO.

Resistance in this region is strong, but the R.A.F. is contributing powerfully to the battering which the Italian defenders are getting.

In southern Abyssinia, South African and Imperial troops are now within 105 miles of Addis Ababa, the capital.—International News Service.

STOP PRESS

BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT TUESDAY THREE JAPANESE DESTROYERS WILL TAKE SUPPLIES TO PAKNAN, AT THE MOUTH OF THE BANGKOK RIVER, 15 MILES FROM BANGKOK, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE DESTROYER YOGURE IS ALREADY IN PAKNAN, THE ARIKAE WILL BE THERE FROM THURSDAY TO SATURDAY AND THE MIGURE WILL BE IN PAKNAN FROM SUNDAY TO TUESDAY.

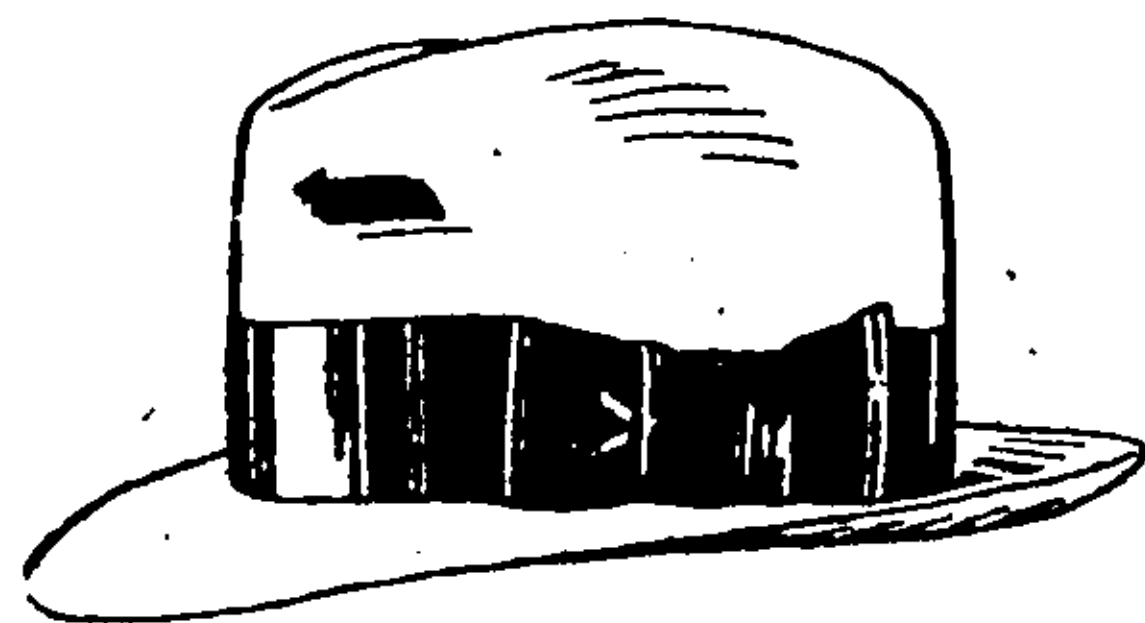
THE JAPANESE NAVAL ATTACHE SOUGHT THE THAI NAVAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S PERMISSION FOR THE DESTROYERS' VISIT.—REUTER.

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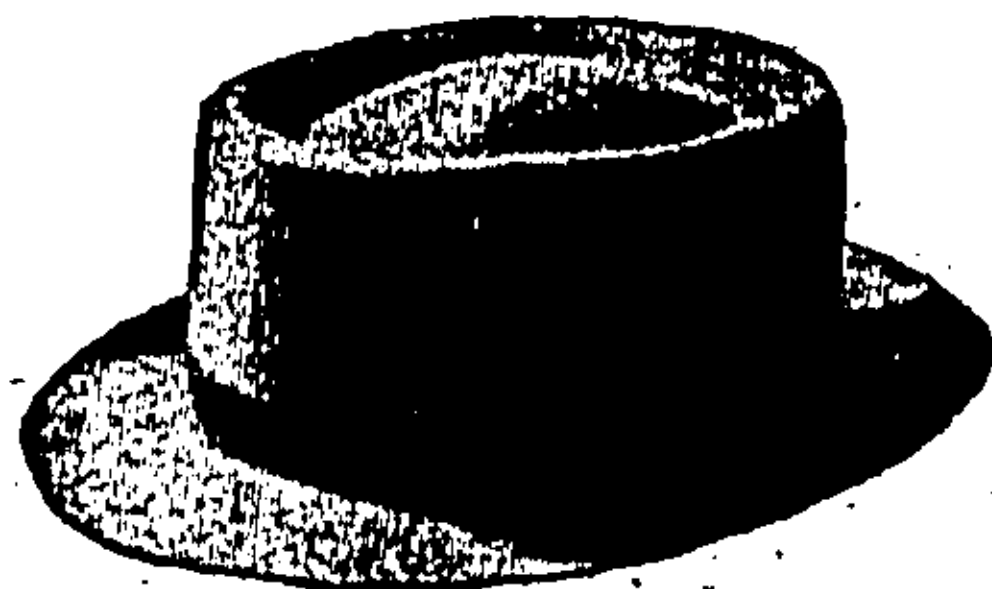


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